VISIT INDIA WITH CHANDI

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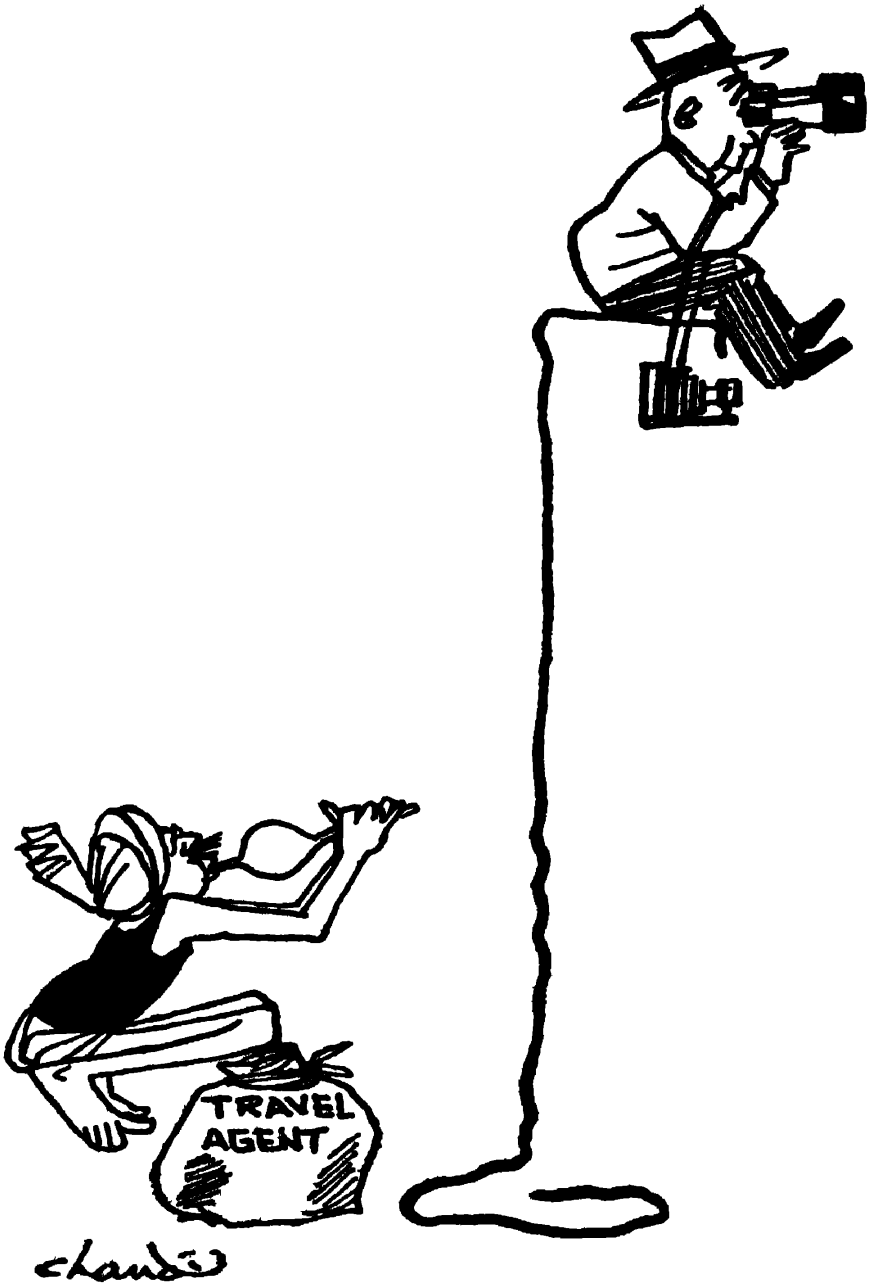

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PREFACE

In India inspite of tremendous possibilities, tourism is still in a backward condition. In fact it seems to have only a limping gait when it should be racing forward. A cartoonist, I am convinced can do a good amount of sales promotion simply through plain speaking. The sort of soapy, honeyed stuff dished out by publicity booklets of the Tourist Department only deceive our honoured guests as they find their experience falling short of expectations roused through these booklets.

Why should we feel shy in warning them that the light-fingered gentry in Delhi are very much ready round the corner to relieve them of their purse, since we know that their counterparts in Chicago or Rome are much more artful.

The traffic jams of Calcutta are hardly worse than those in London as we find from reports in newspapers and snubbings served through their cartoons. In the scorching heat of tropical cities like Calcutta or Bombay, it is an experience to live through the rainy season.

Inspite of all hazards we have the broad heart to welcome a guest with love and sincerity. As a cartoonist, I have only attempted to help them face those hazards with a smile and look at things with a difference.

India being a vast country has so much diversity in its culture—dances, costumes, rituals, musical instruments, food, climate etc. that even internal tourists, i. e. tourists from one state to another always find something rewarding in the states visited. Most foreign tourists, we often forget to keep in mind, do not have their pockets bulging with money and all of them may not look for a five-star hotel. Most of them want to look at things without being much looked after. This common man without the dollar-shine is primarily the one I have wanted to help through this book.

Most of the cartoons in this book were serialised in Hindusthan Standard about a decade ago under the heading SEEN ASKEW. The drawing though sometimes weak, have been maintained, as it was. I have had the good fortune to get the guidance of Sri Santosh Kumar Ghosh to whom I am personally indebted for whatever professional recognition I have been able to achieve. I am also thankful to Prof. Sadhan Kumar Ghosh who has largely performed the difficult task of recasting the captions.

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At last we are here

Gold ?

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CLEARANCE
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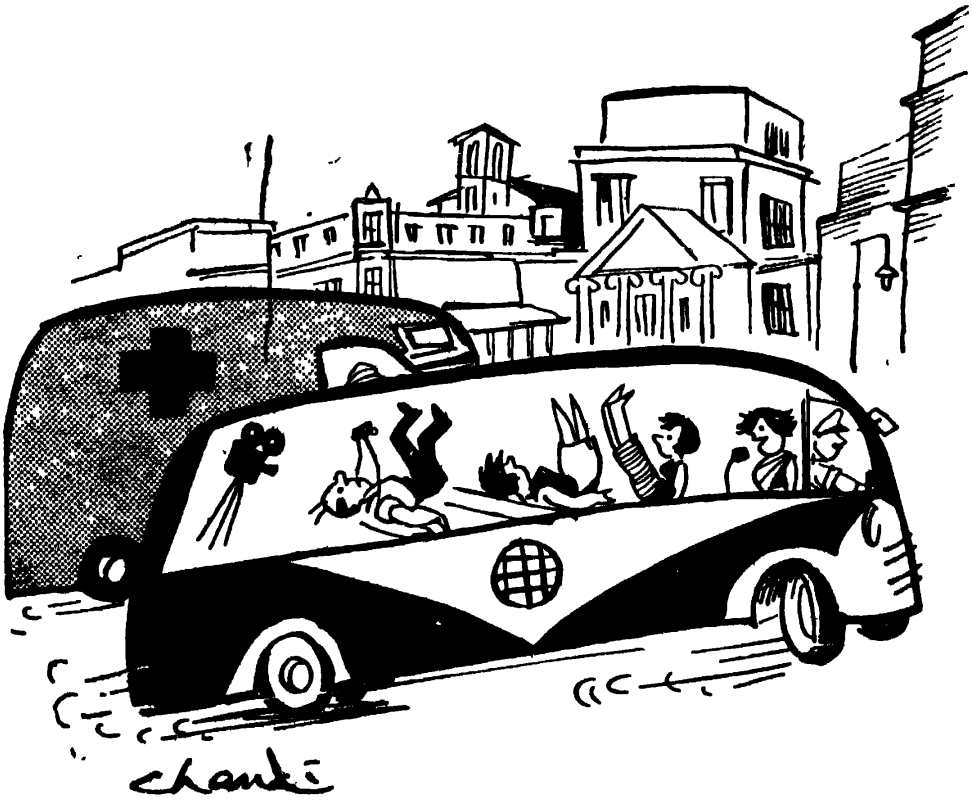
TRANSPORT



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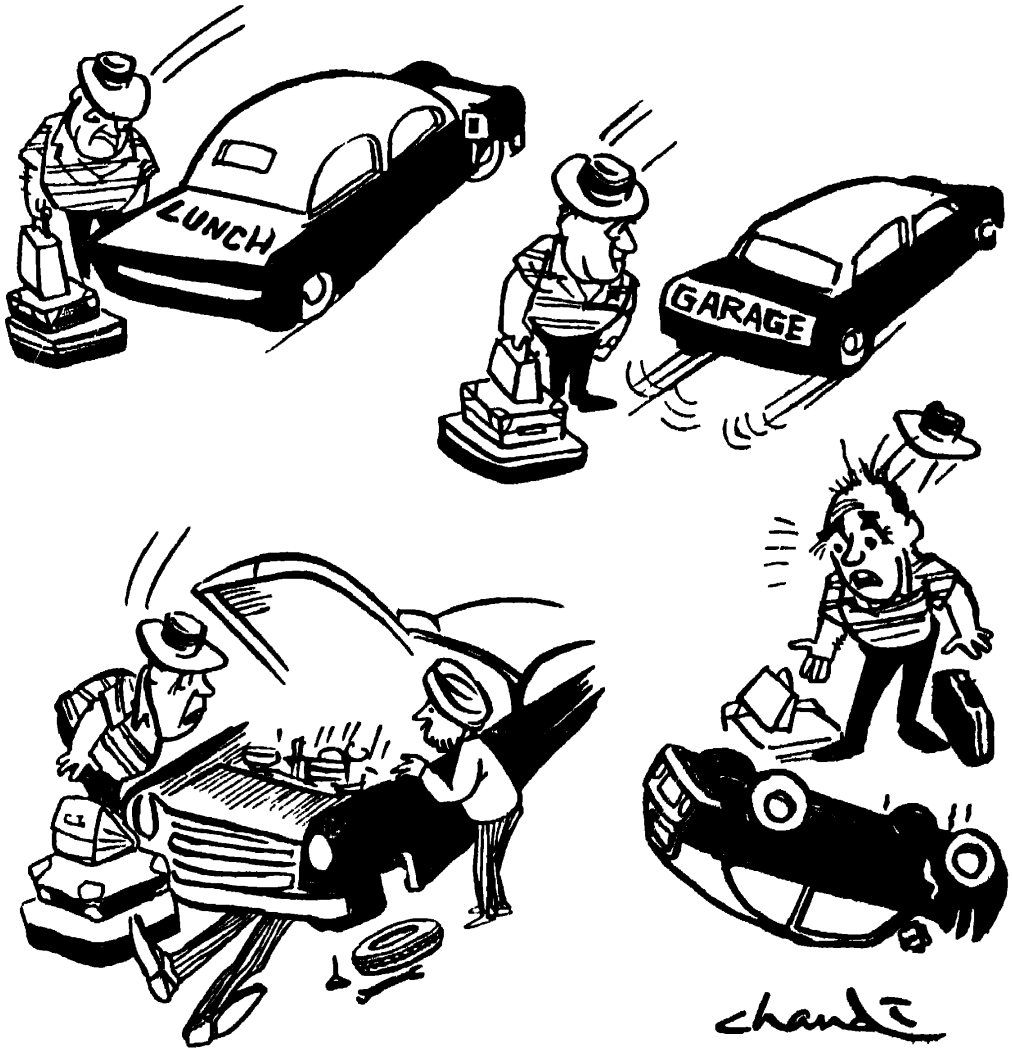

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Jumpers

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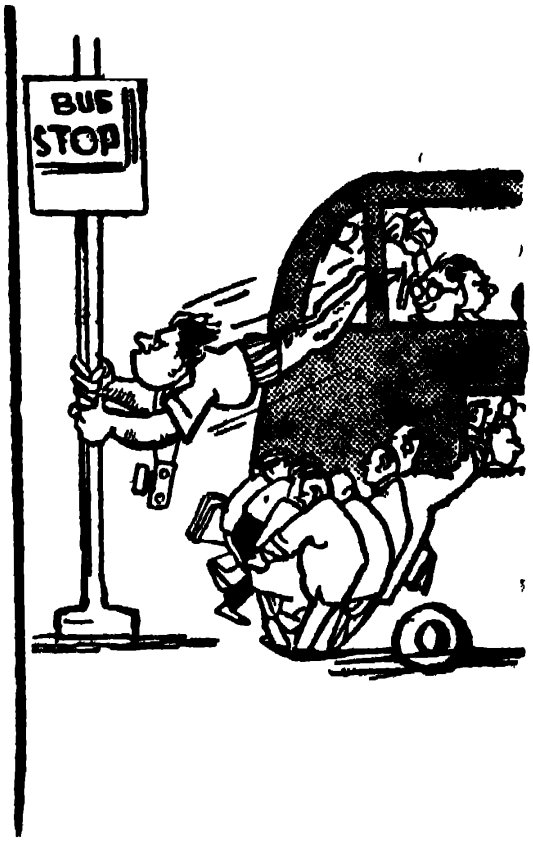

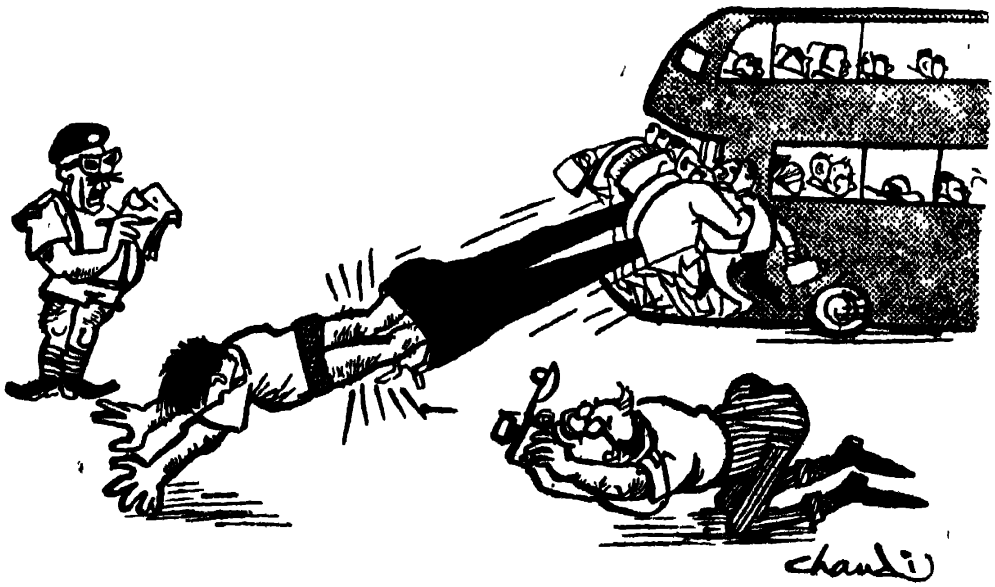

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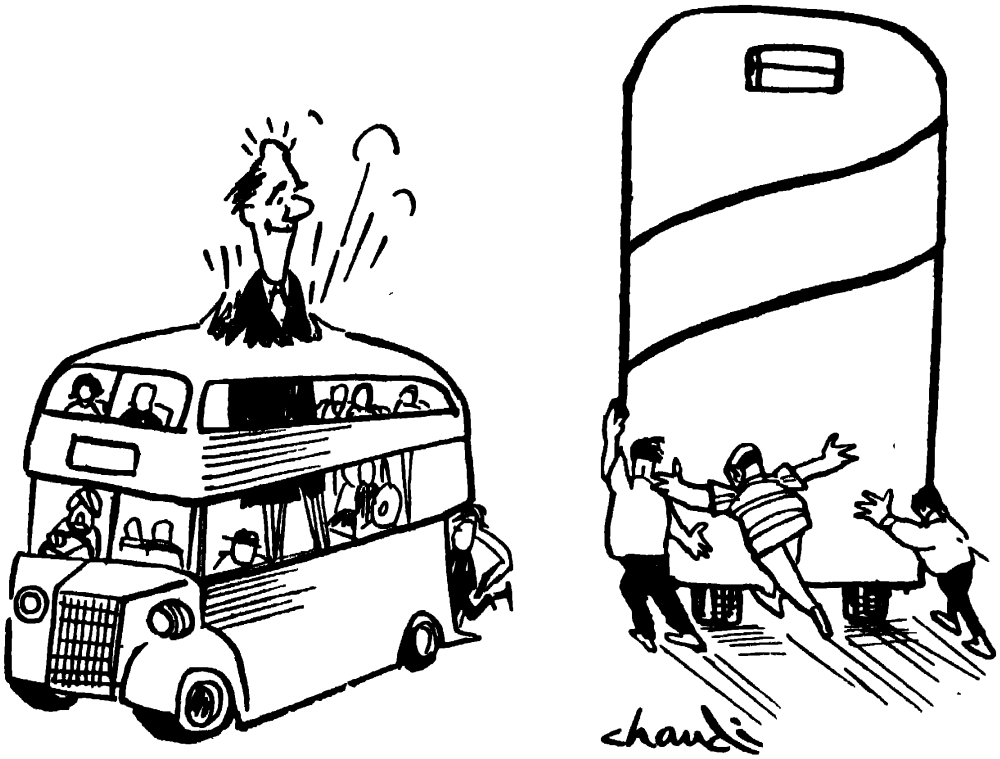

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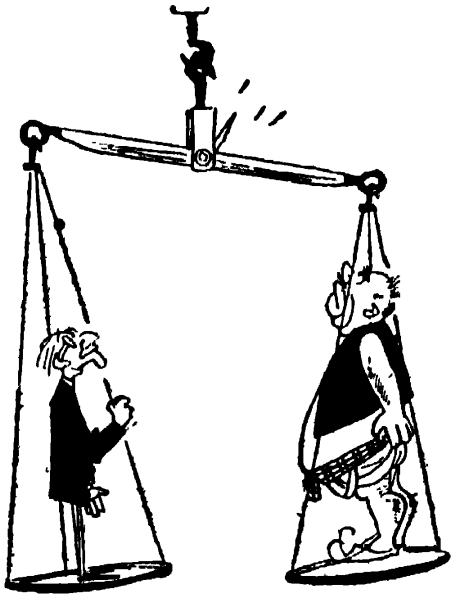

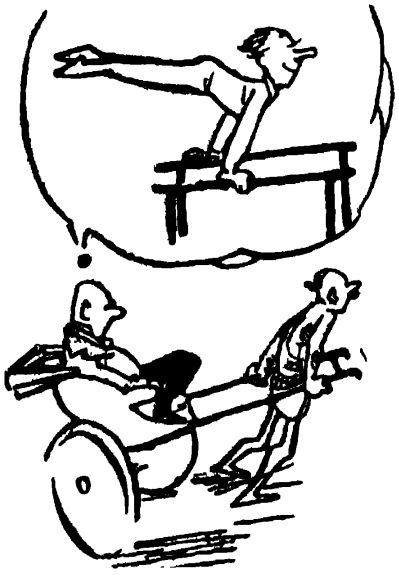

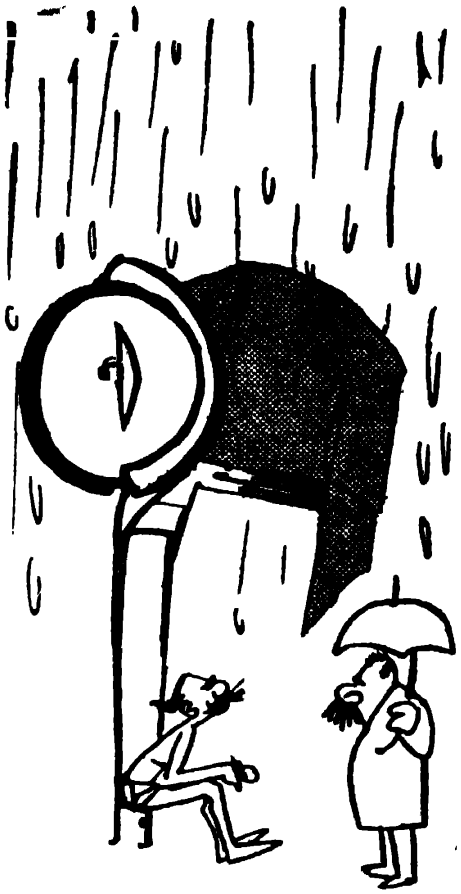

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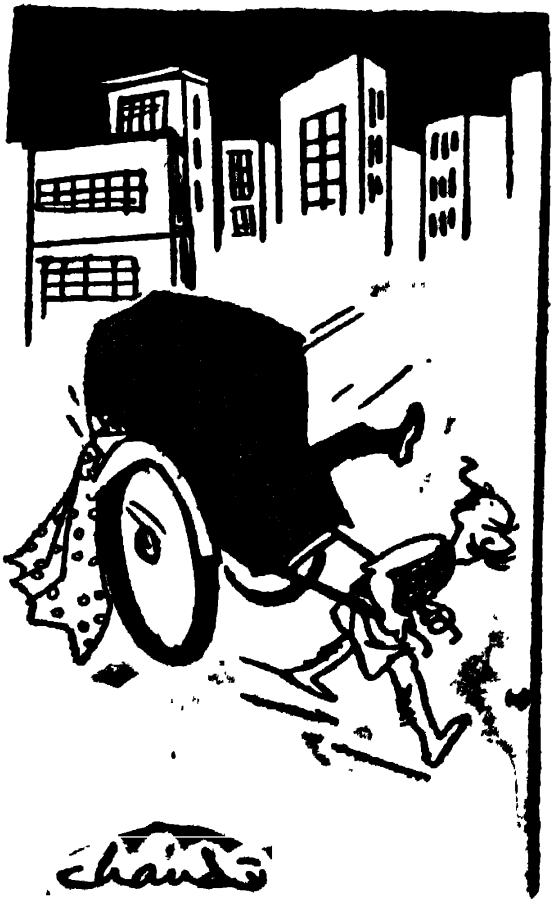

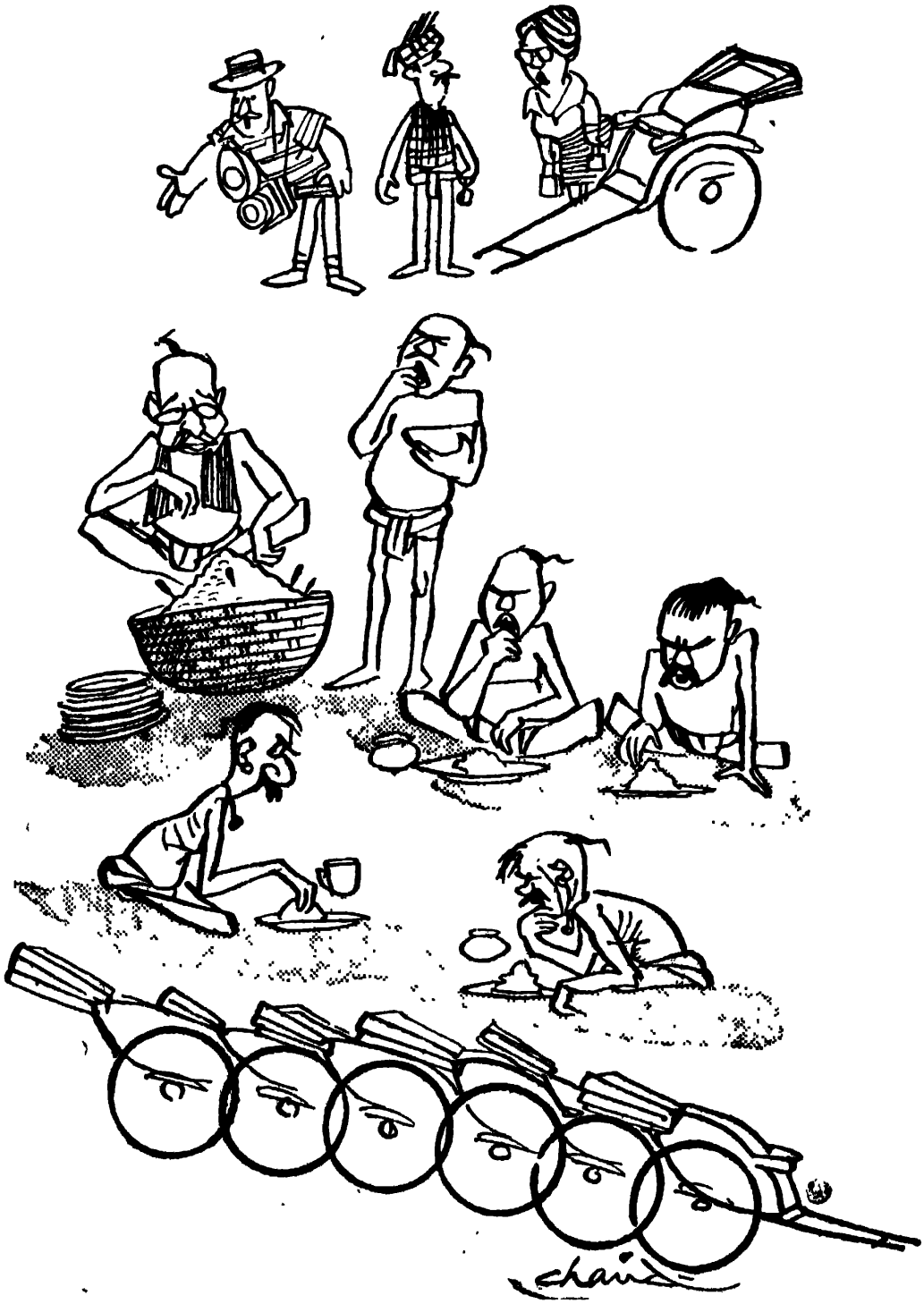

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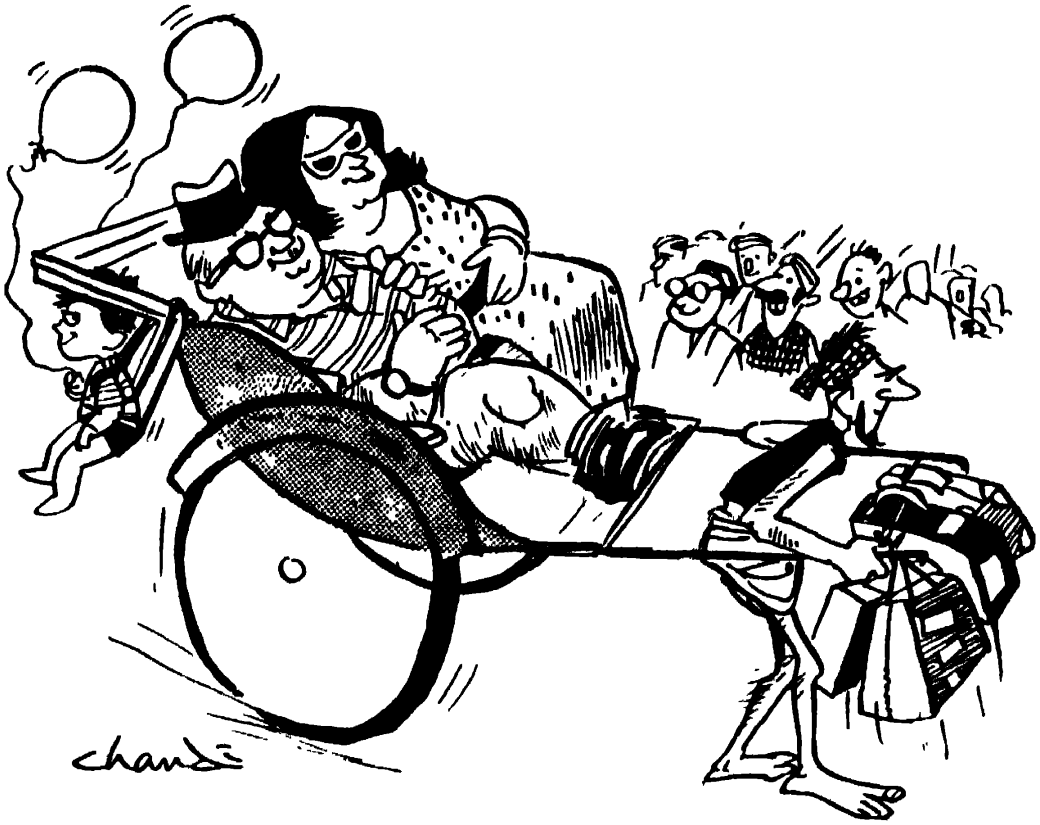

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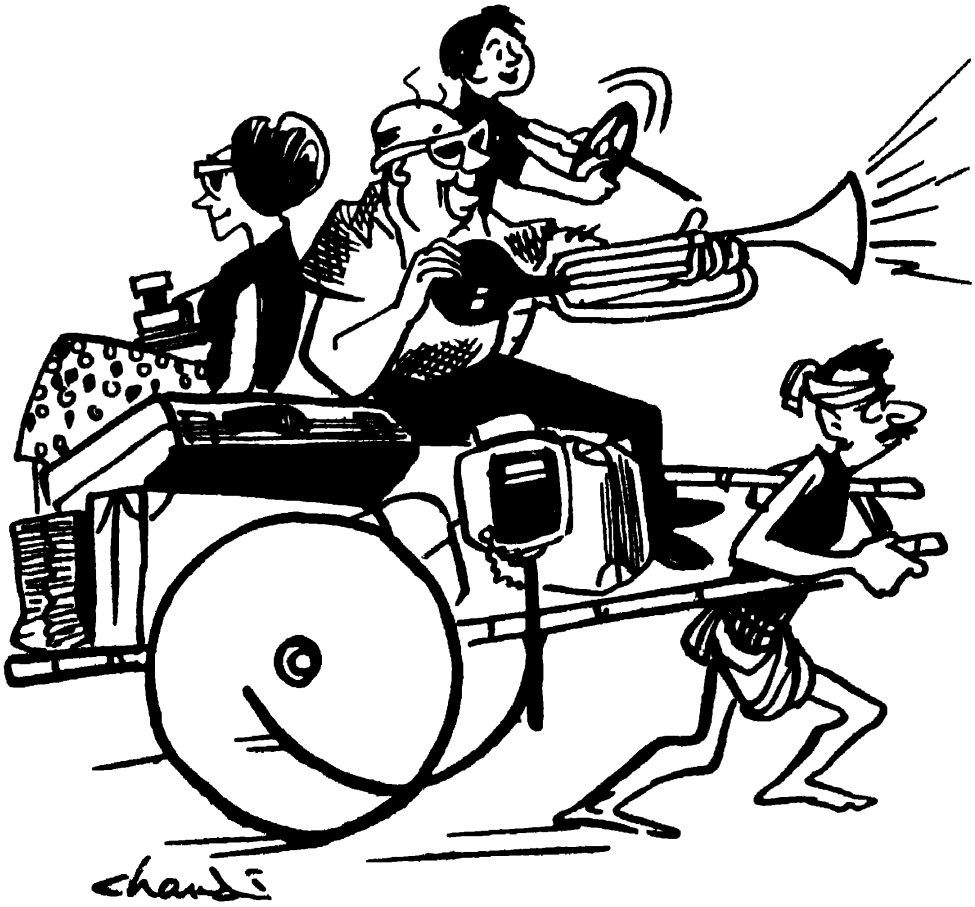
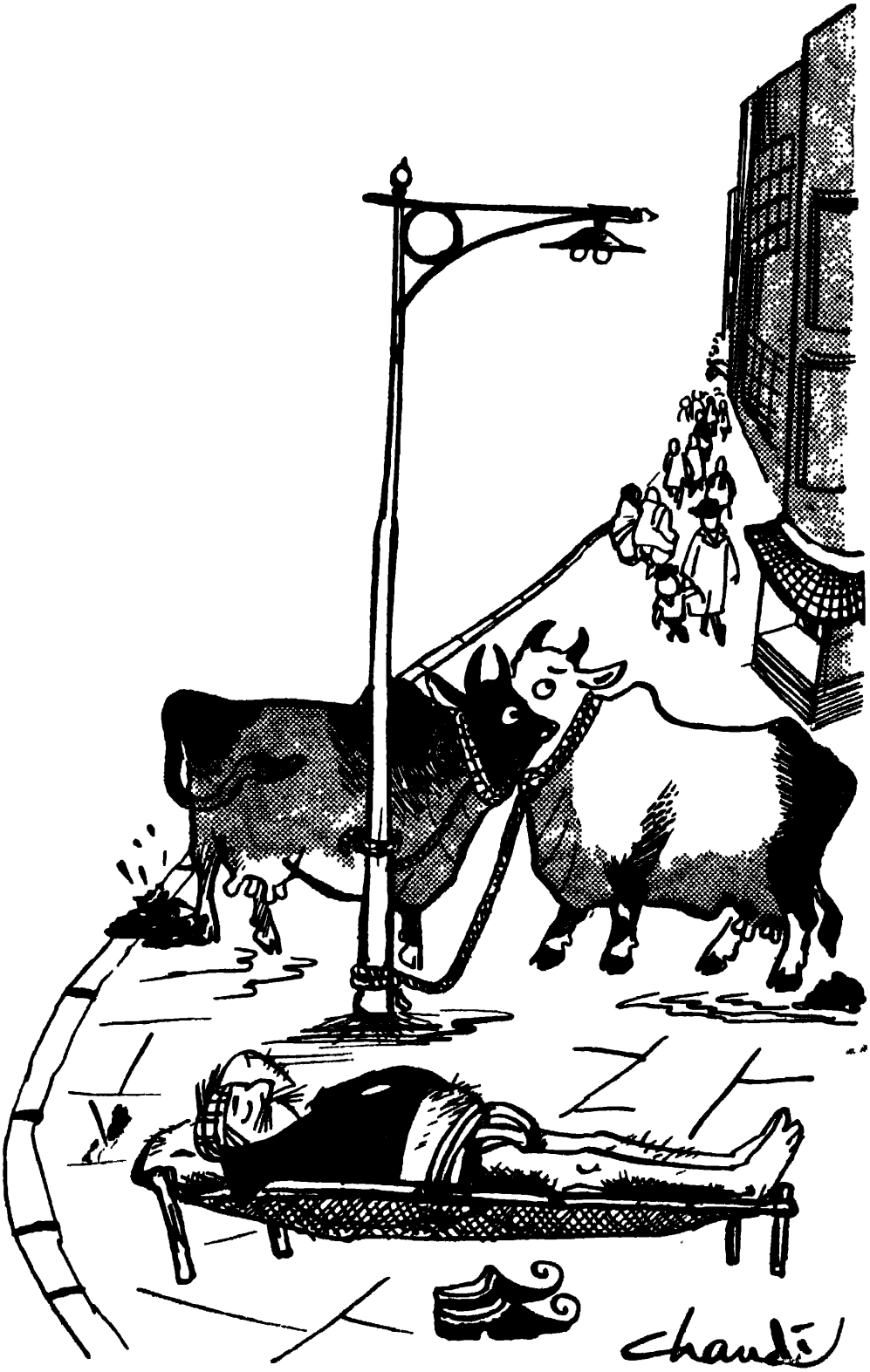


The modern touch

FOOTPATH



The sky in the limit

The leg pull

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CHILDREN
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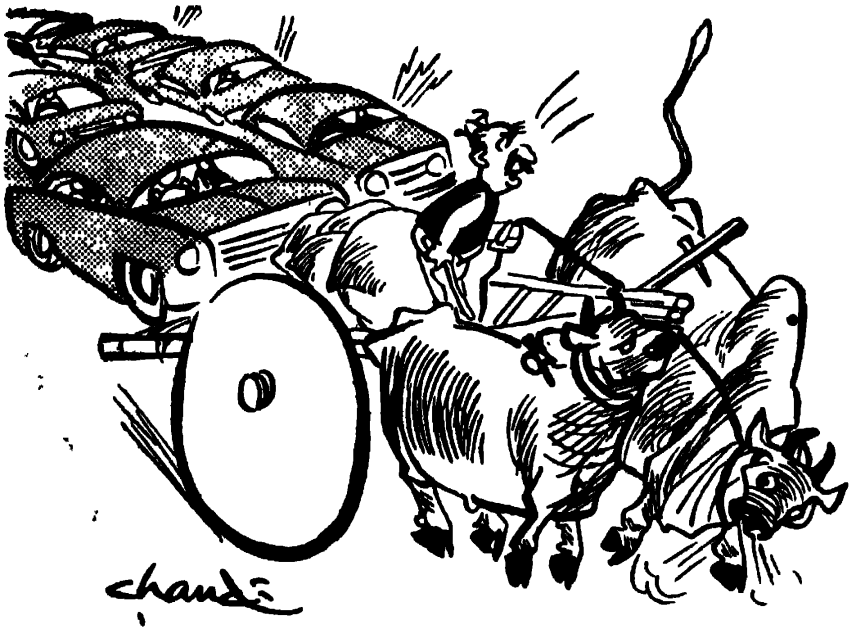
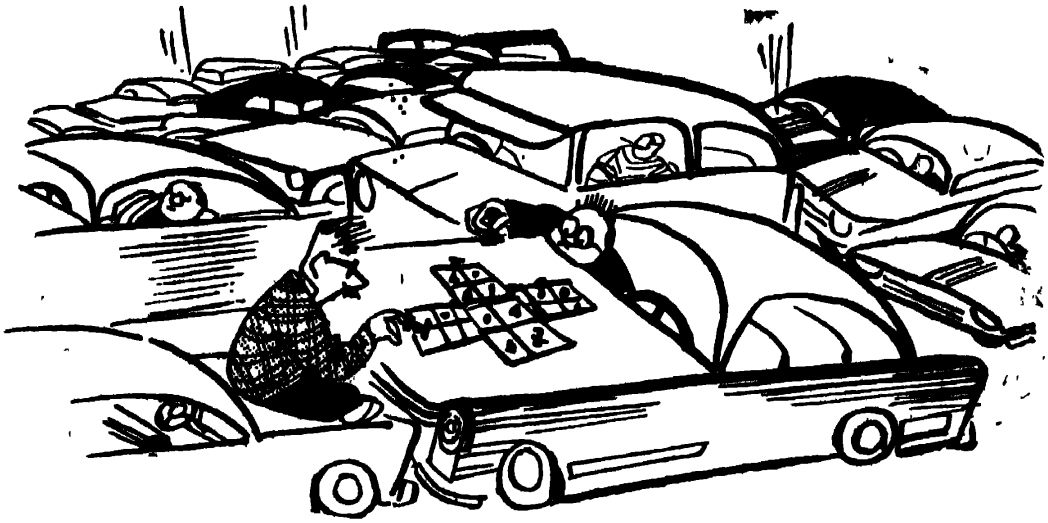
PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

The lady with the lambs



Jam—no butter

Cross or crossing



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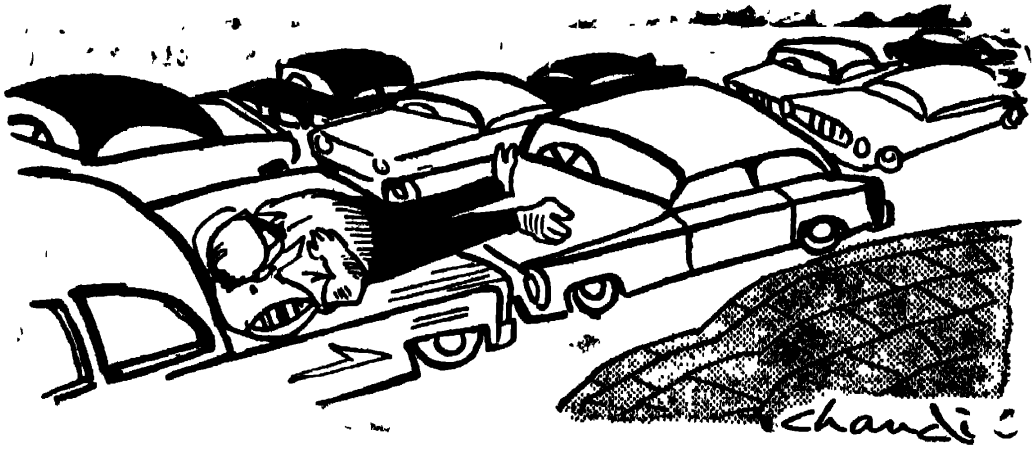
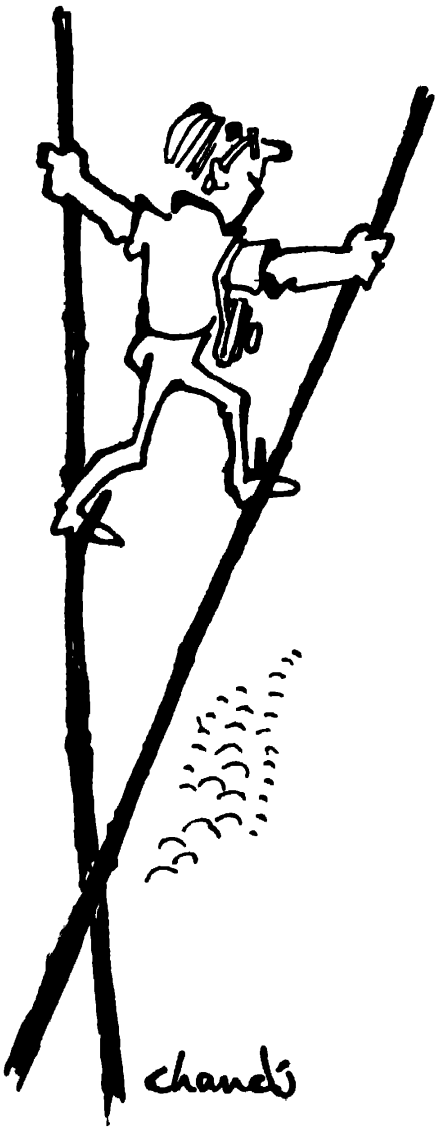


Carry ye each other's burden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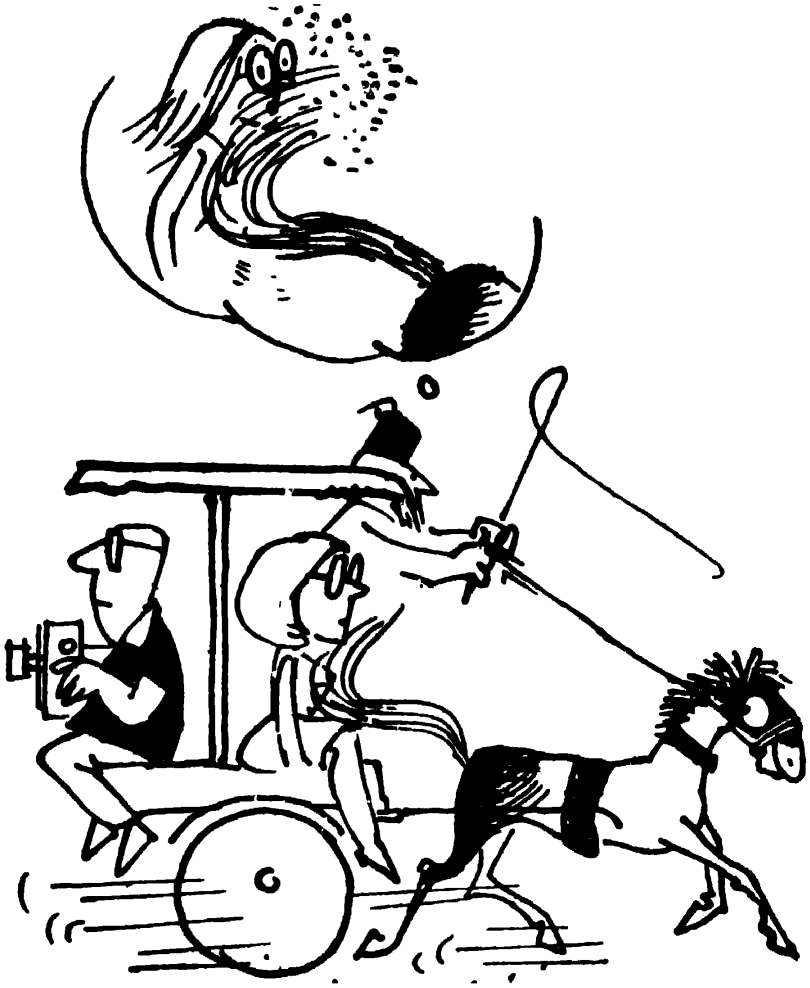

Cut the Cackle

HOTEL

FOOD
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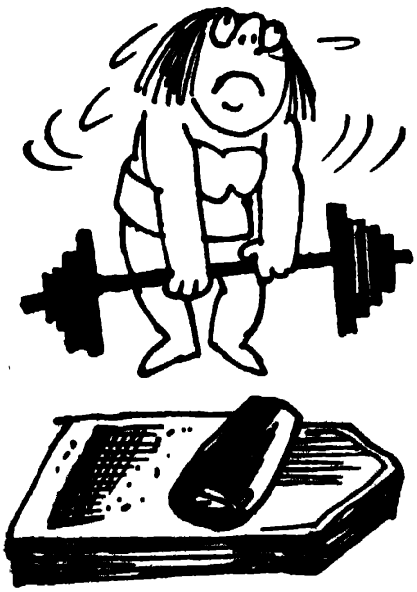
COOKING

Variety in the spice of life



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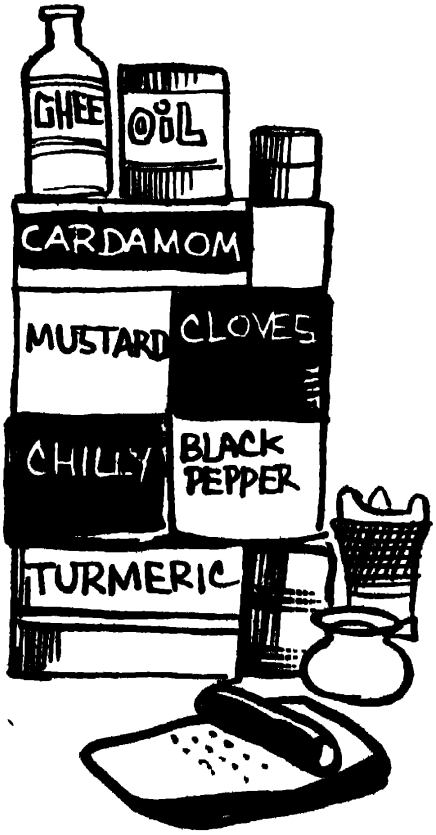

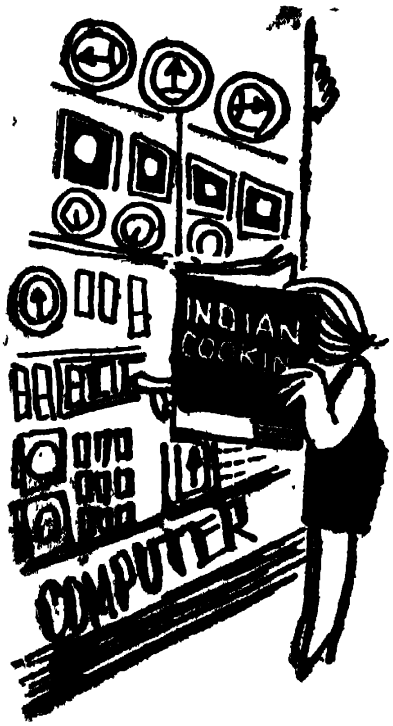

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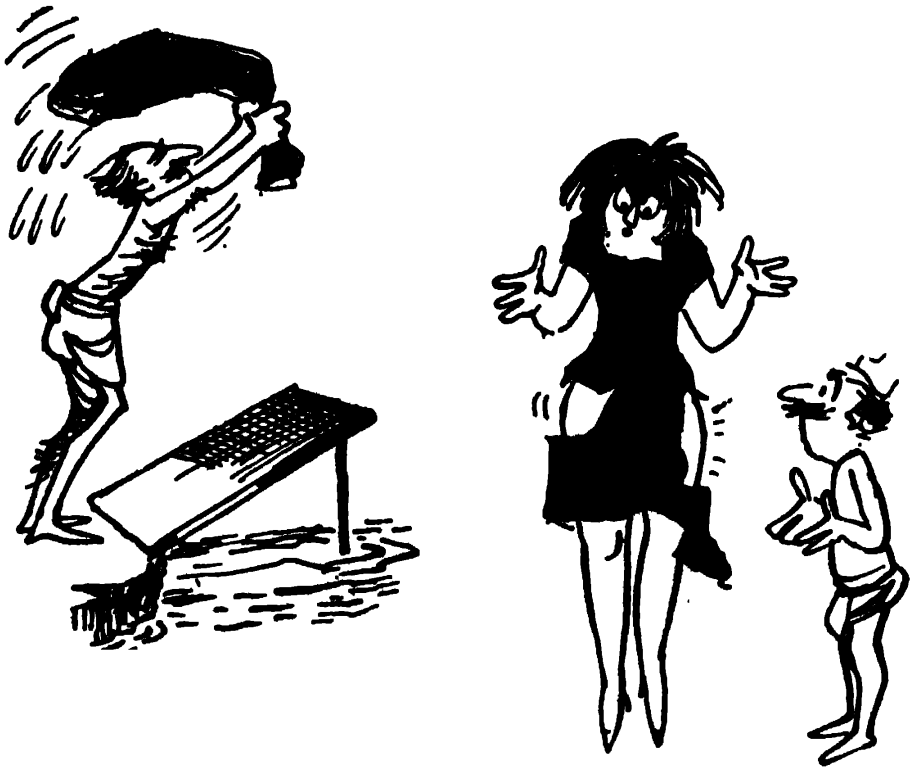

Drying and cleaning while you wait.

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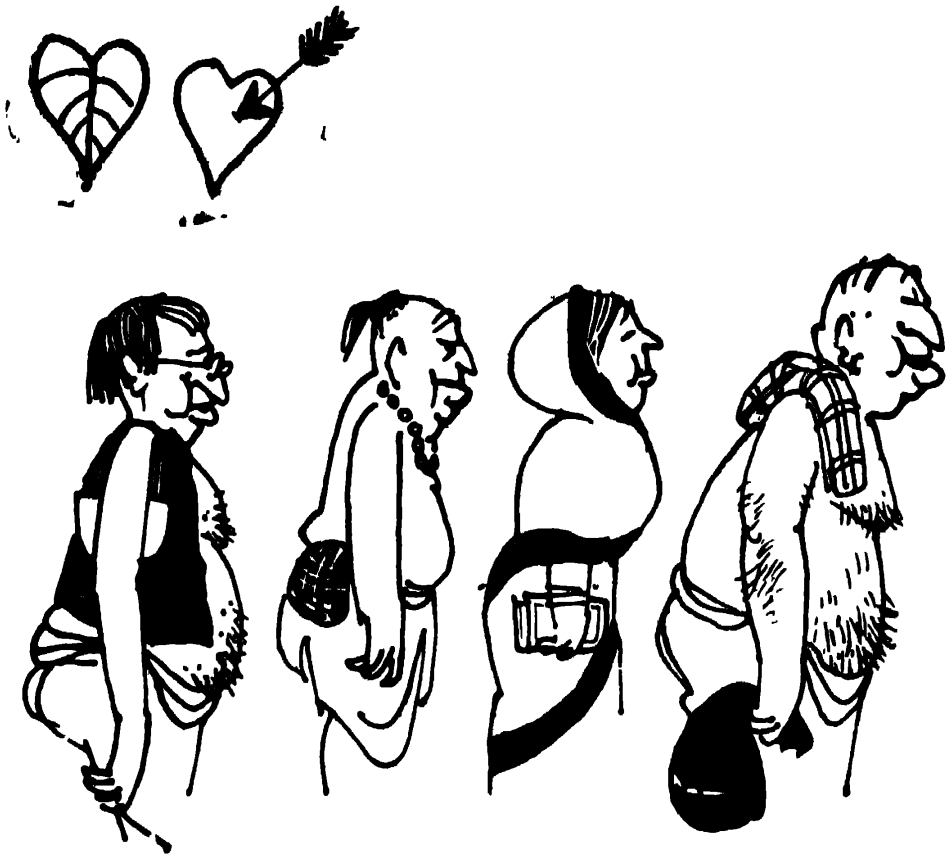

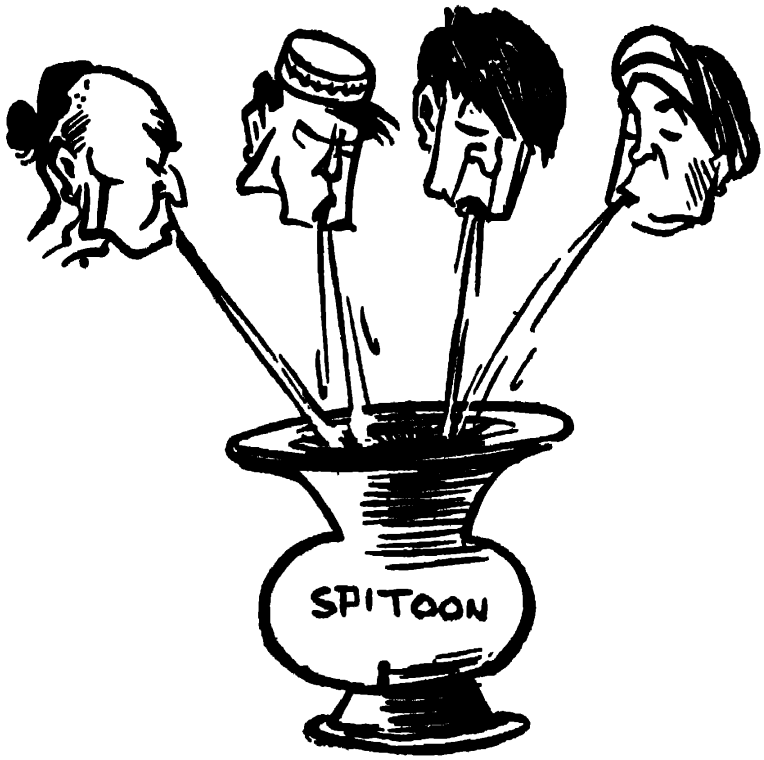
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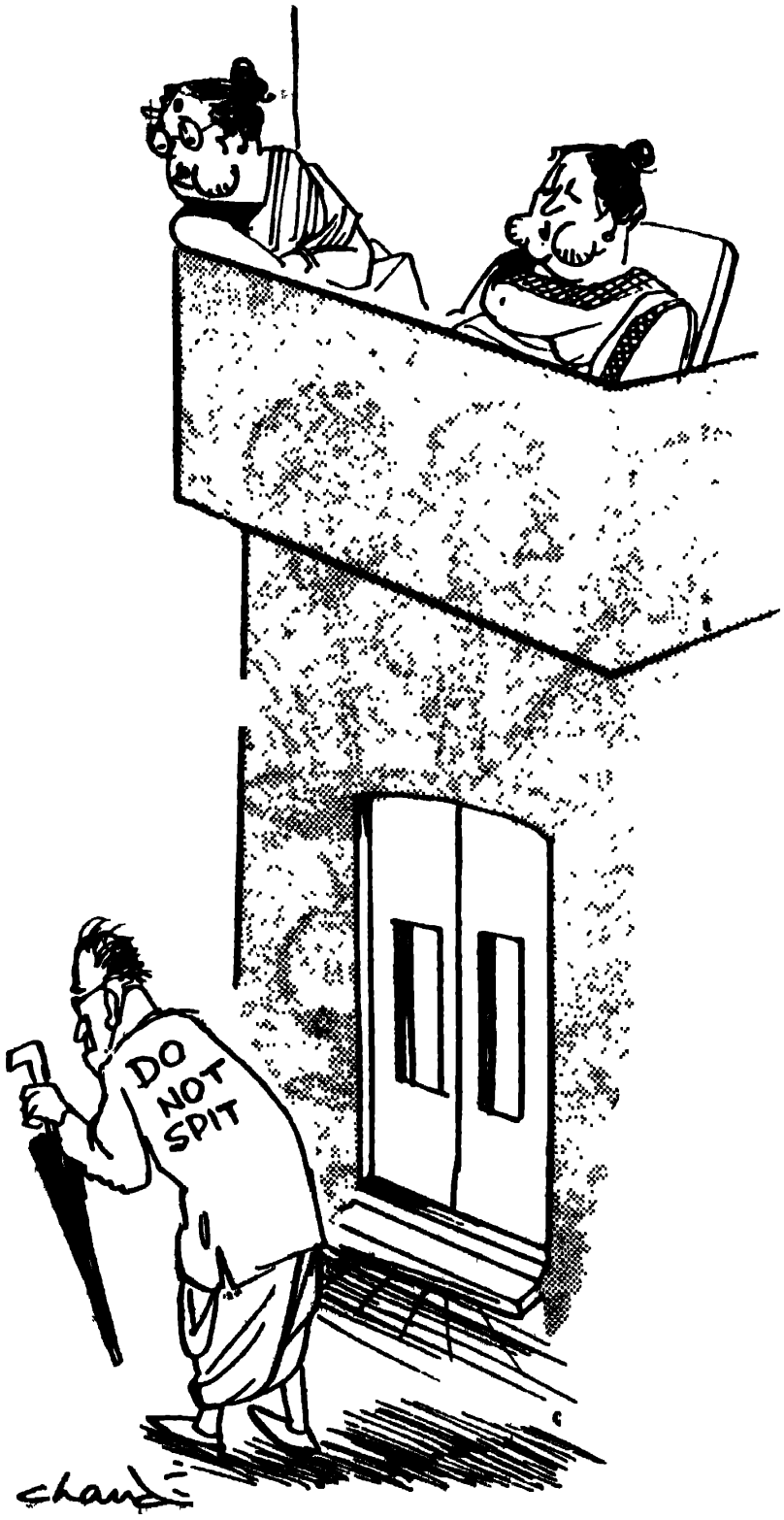
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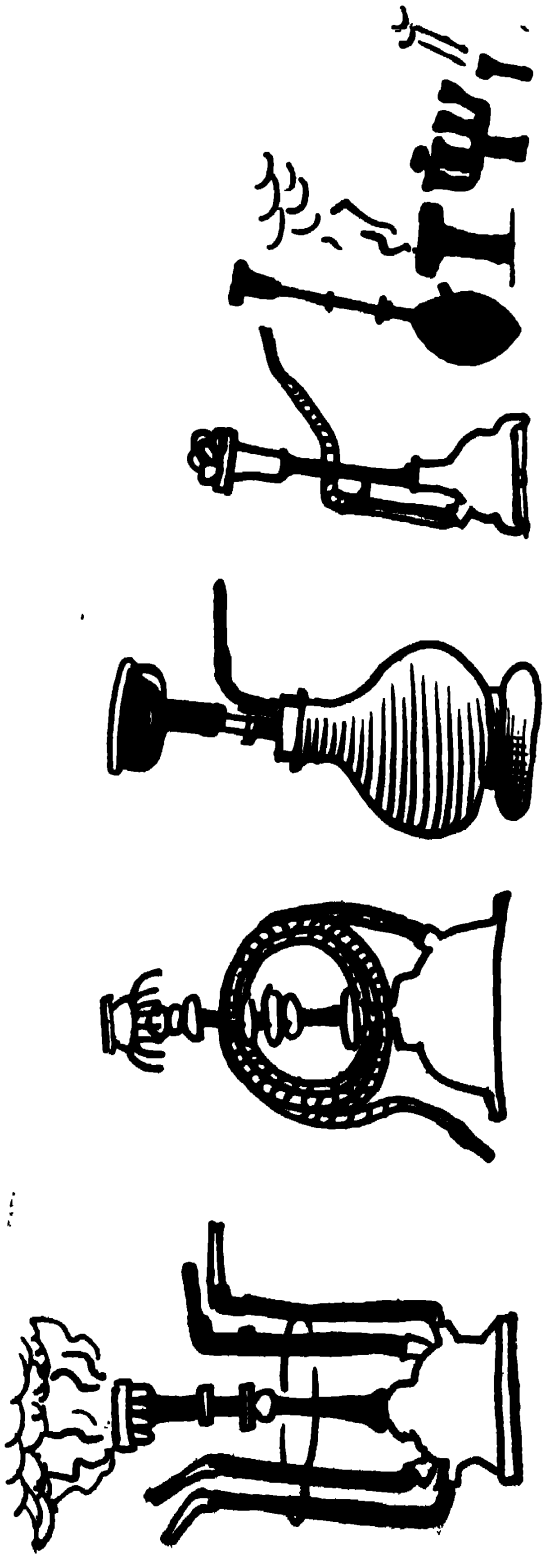
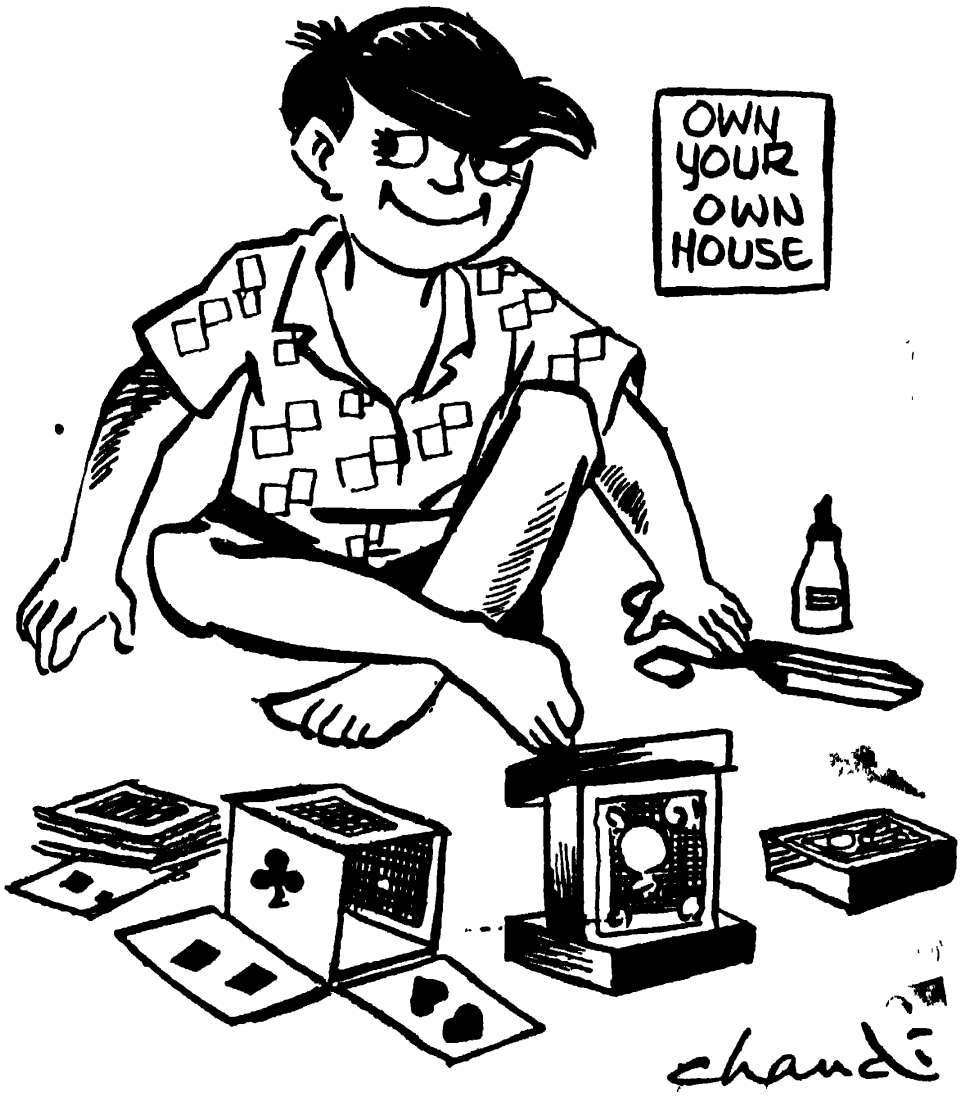
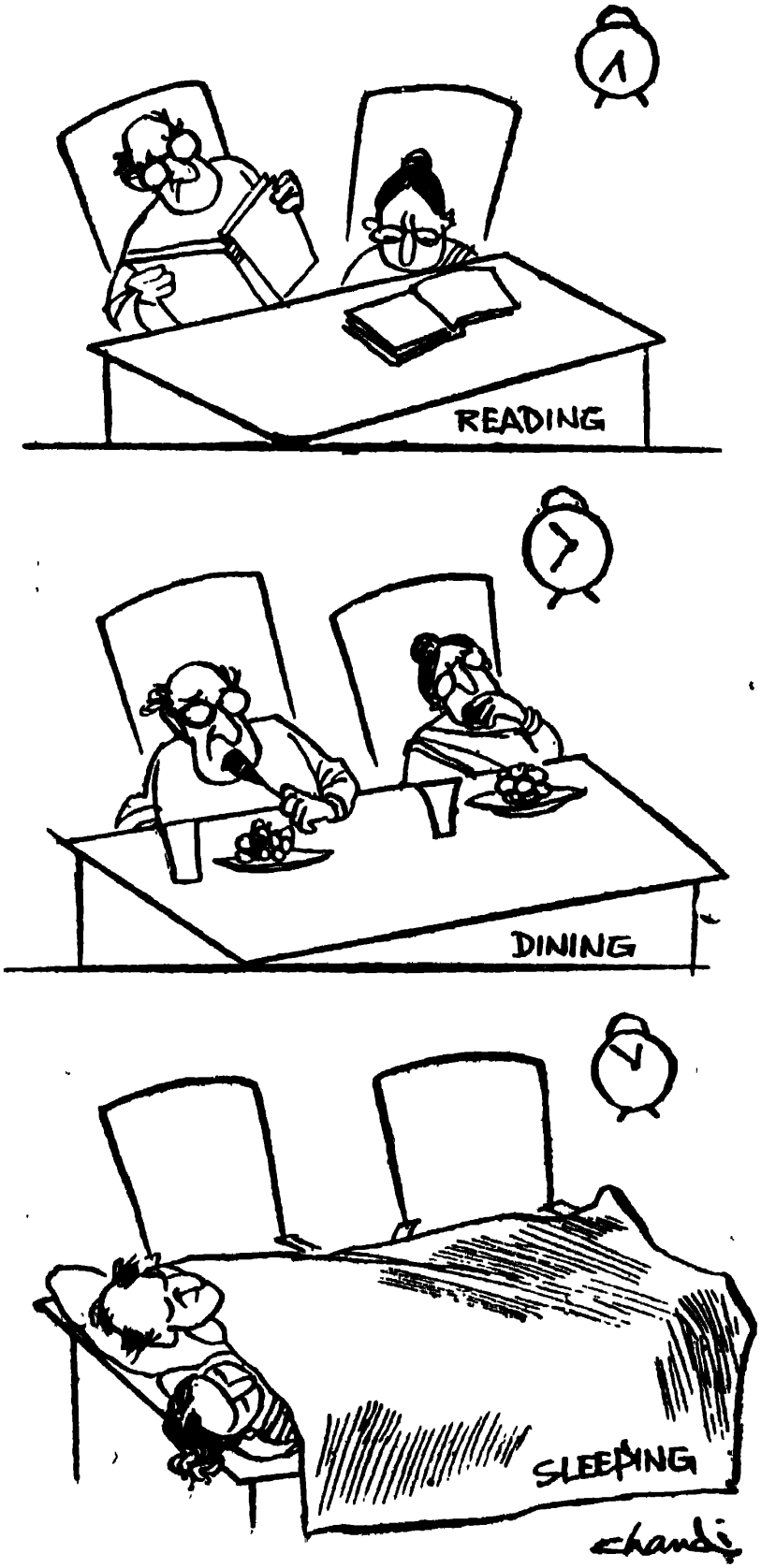


Smaller the pot greater the joy

HOUSING

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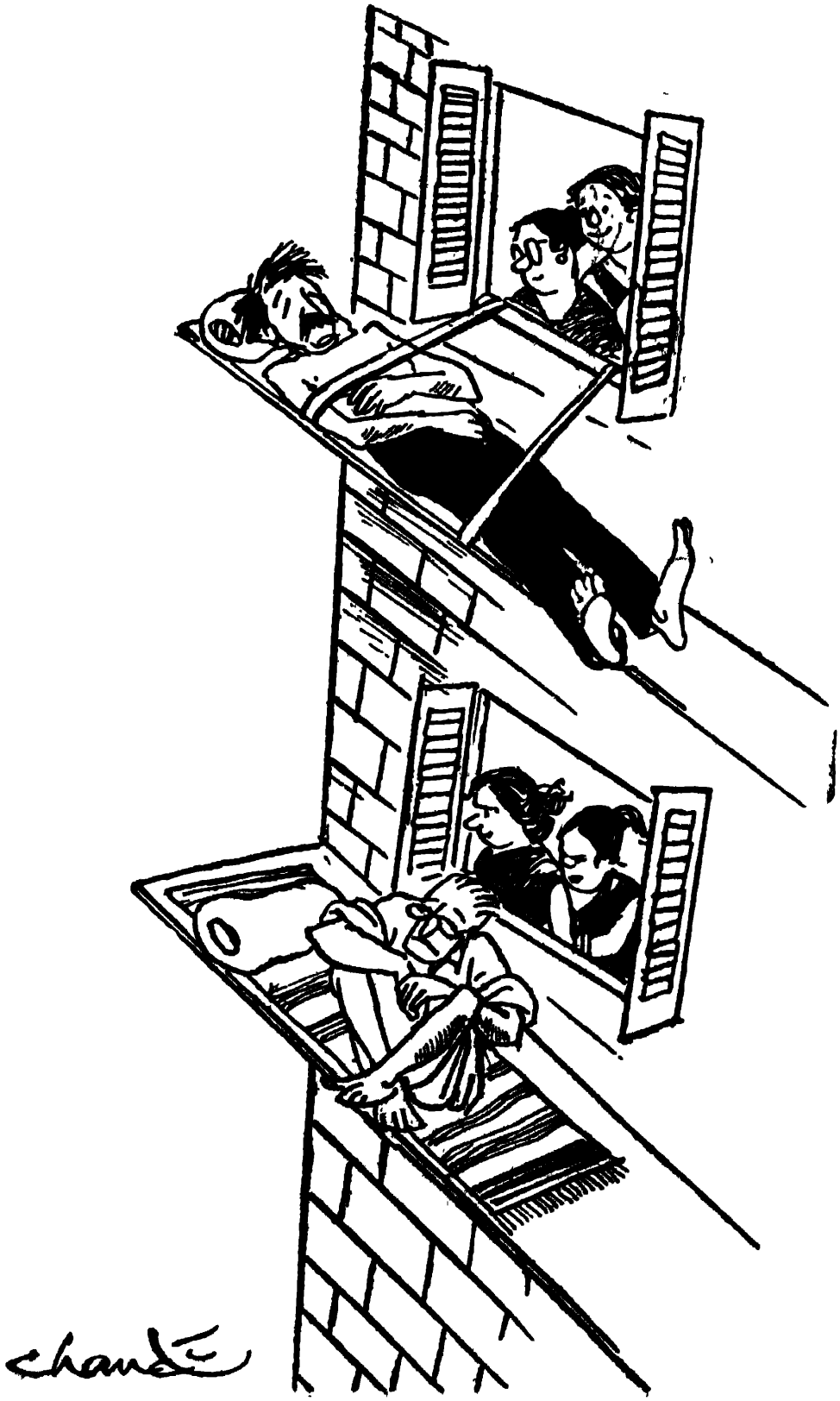
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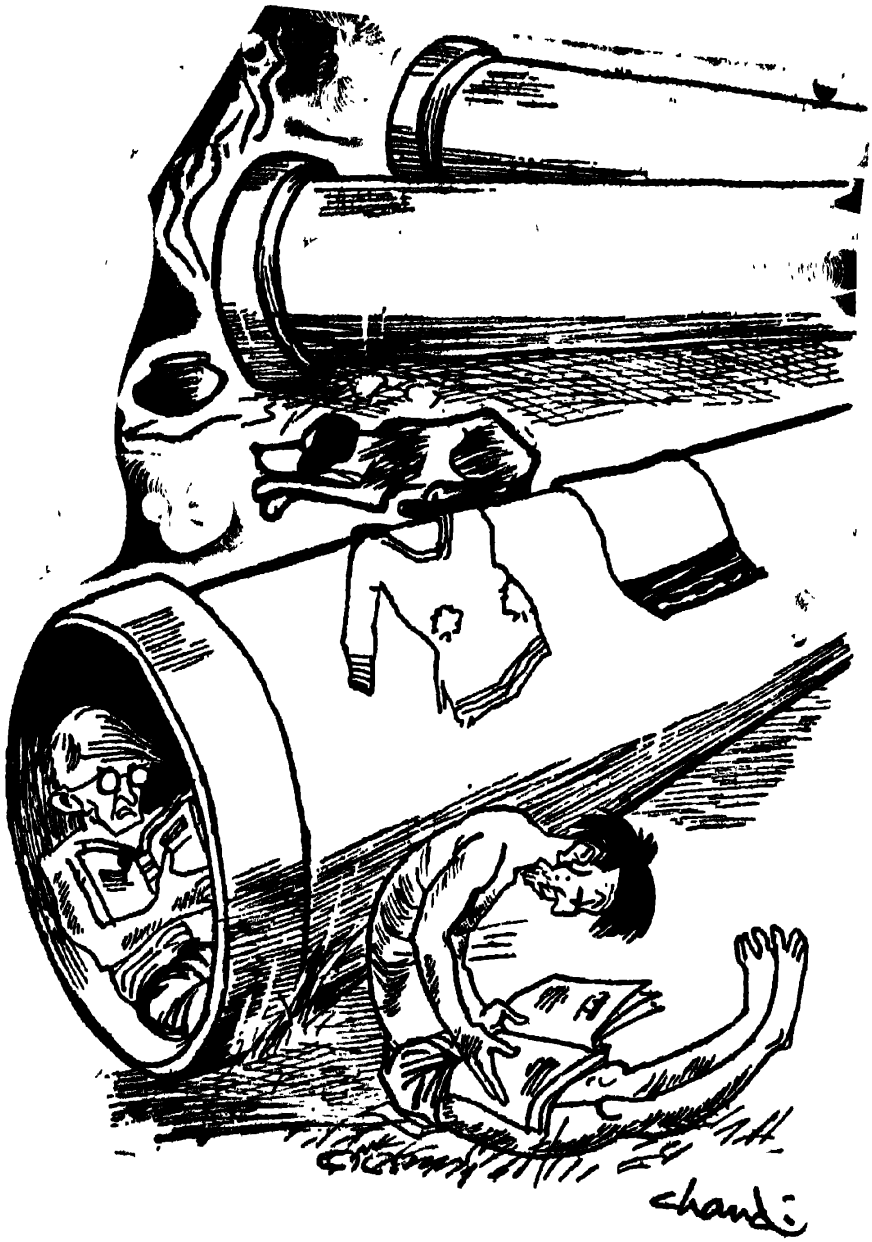
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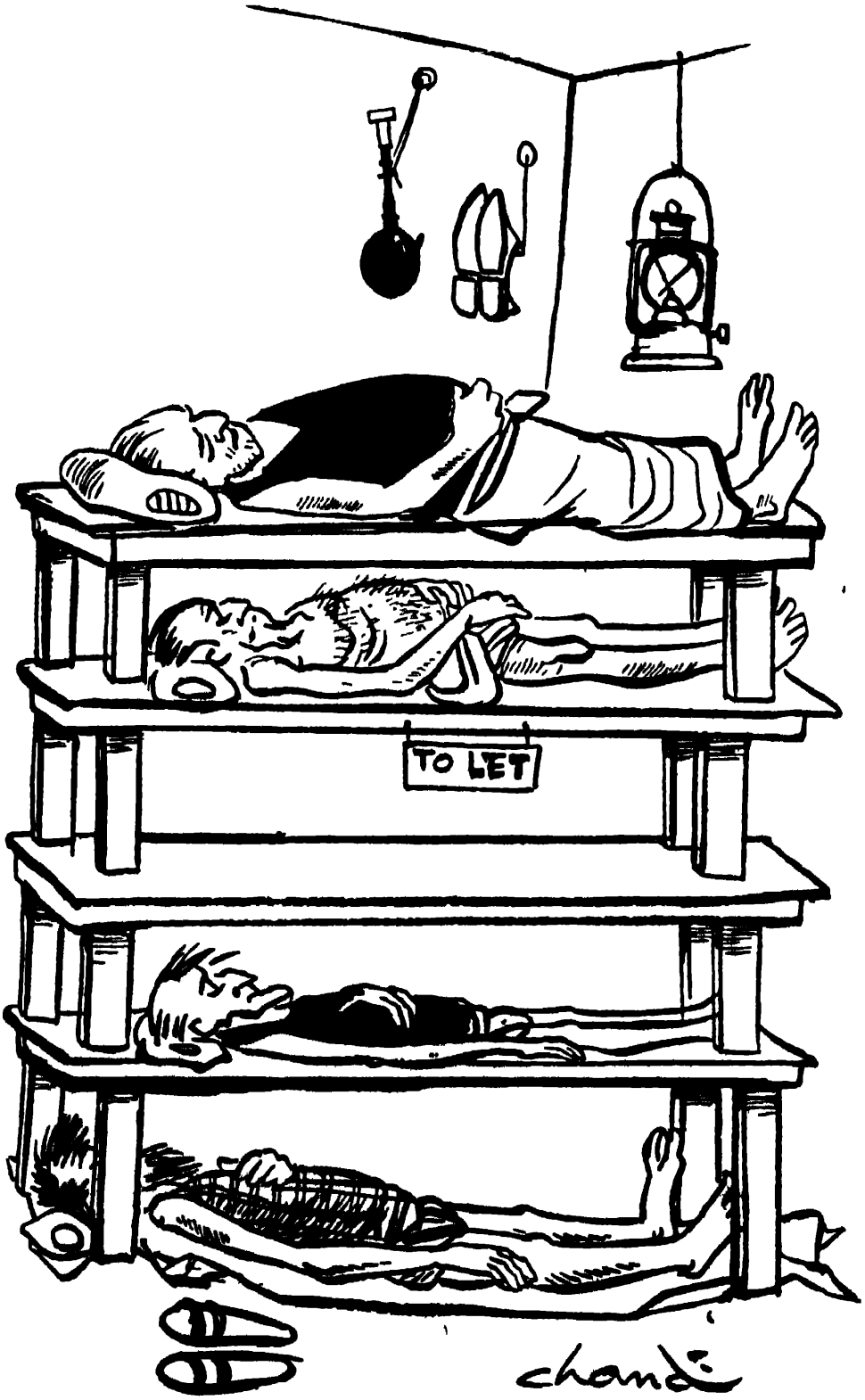
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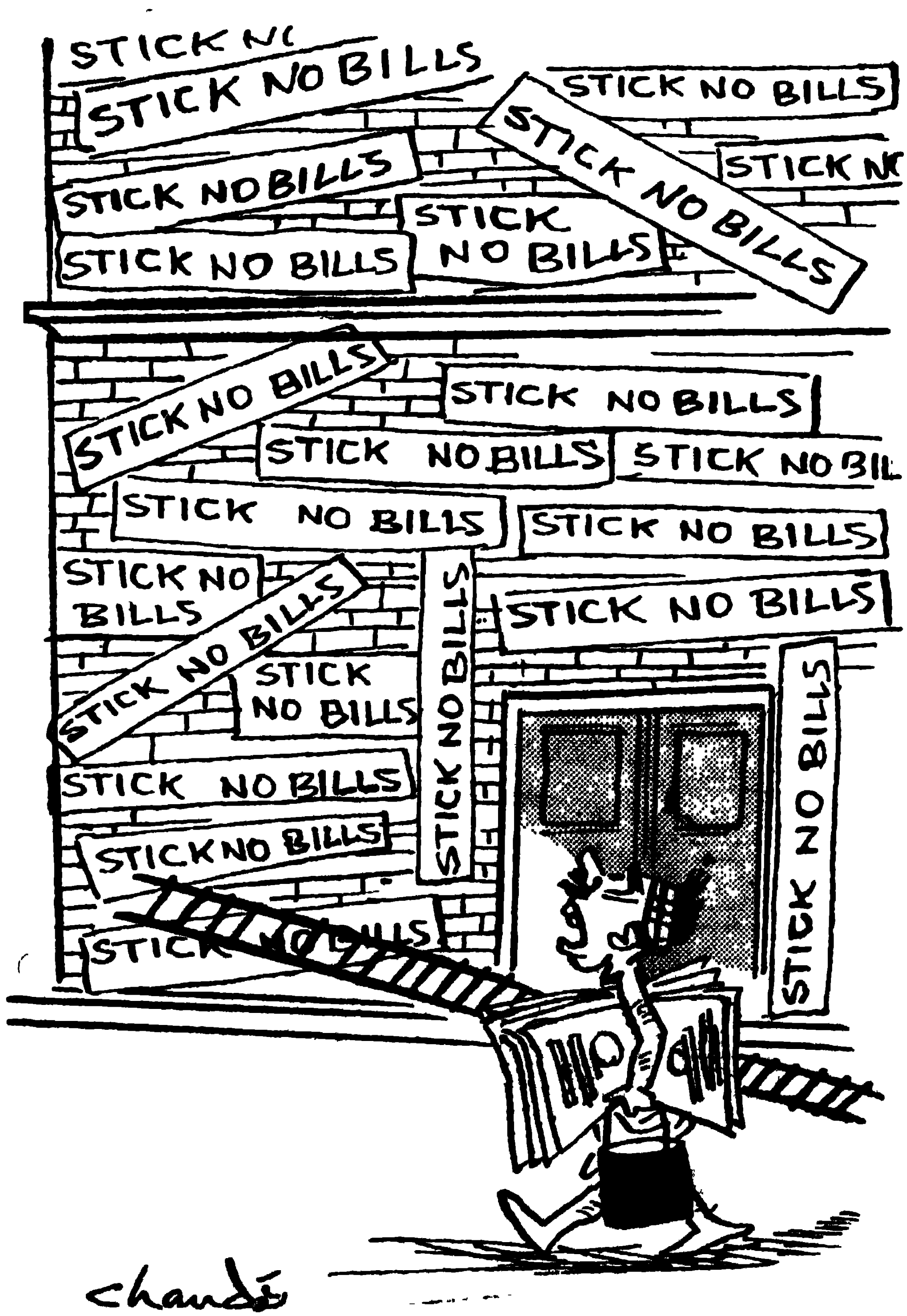
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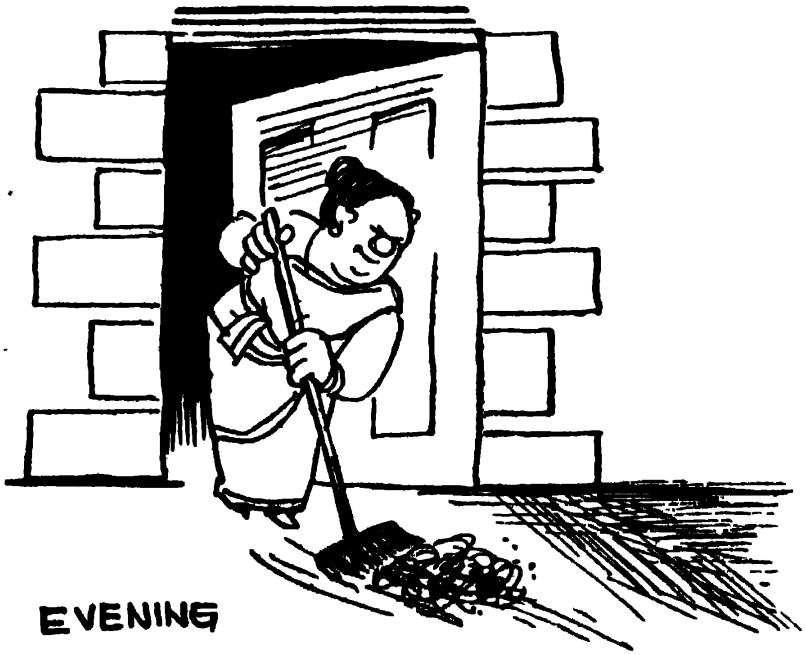

EVENING

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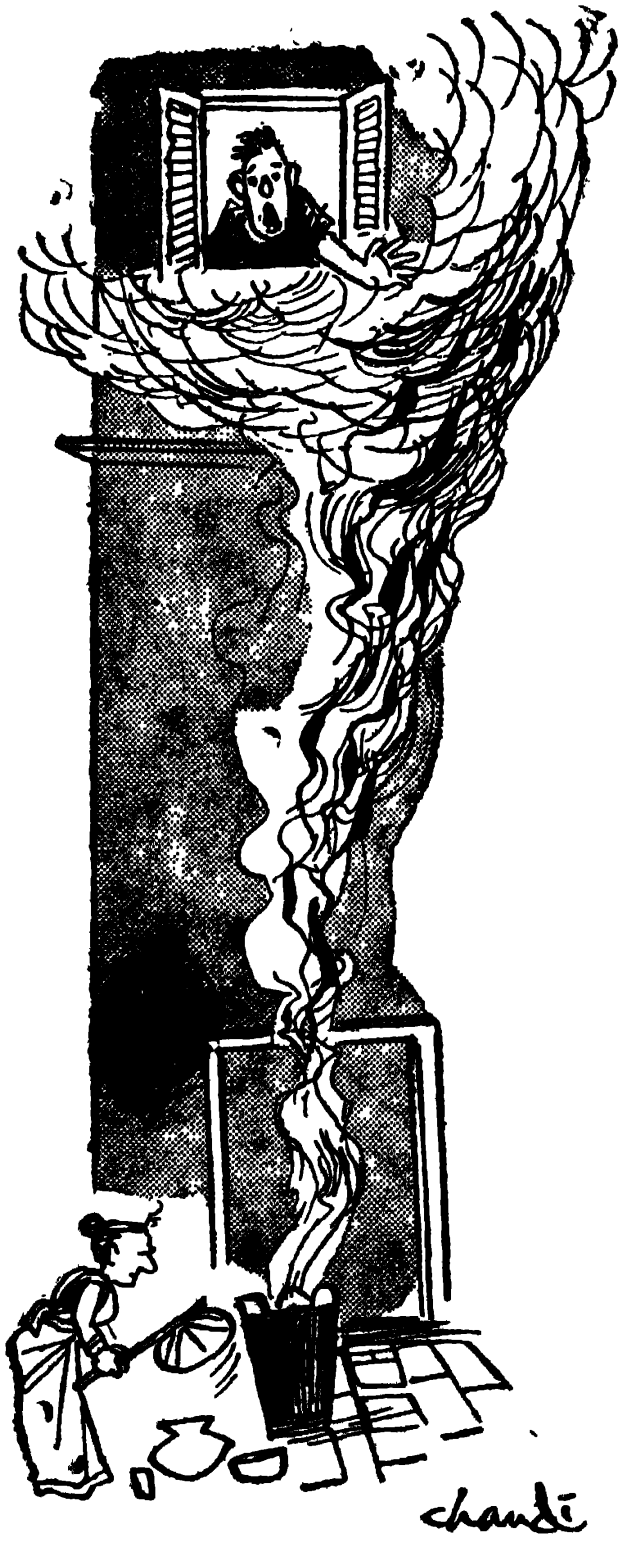
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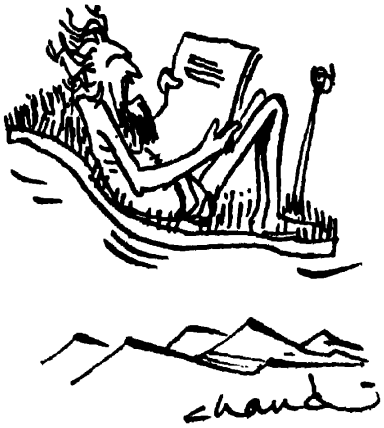

The School for Yoga

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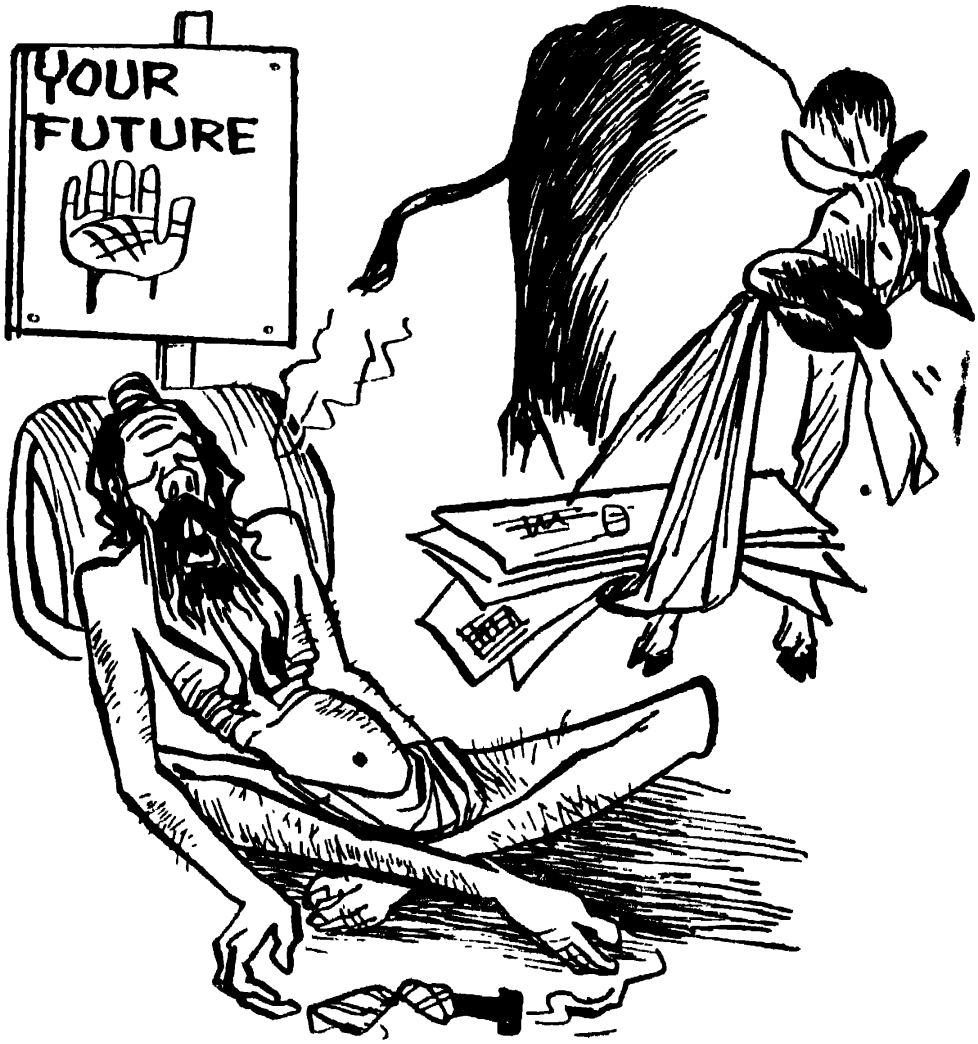
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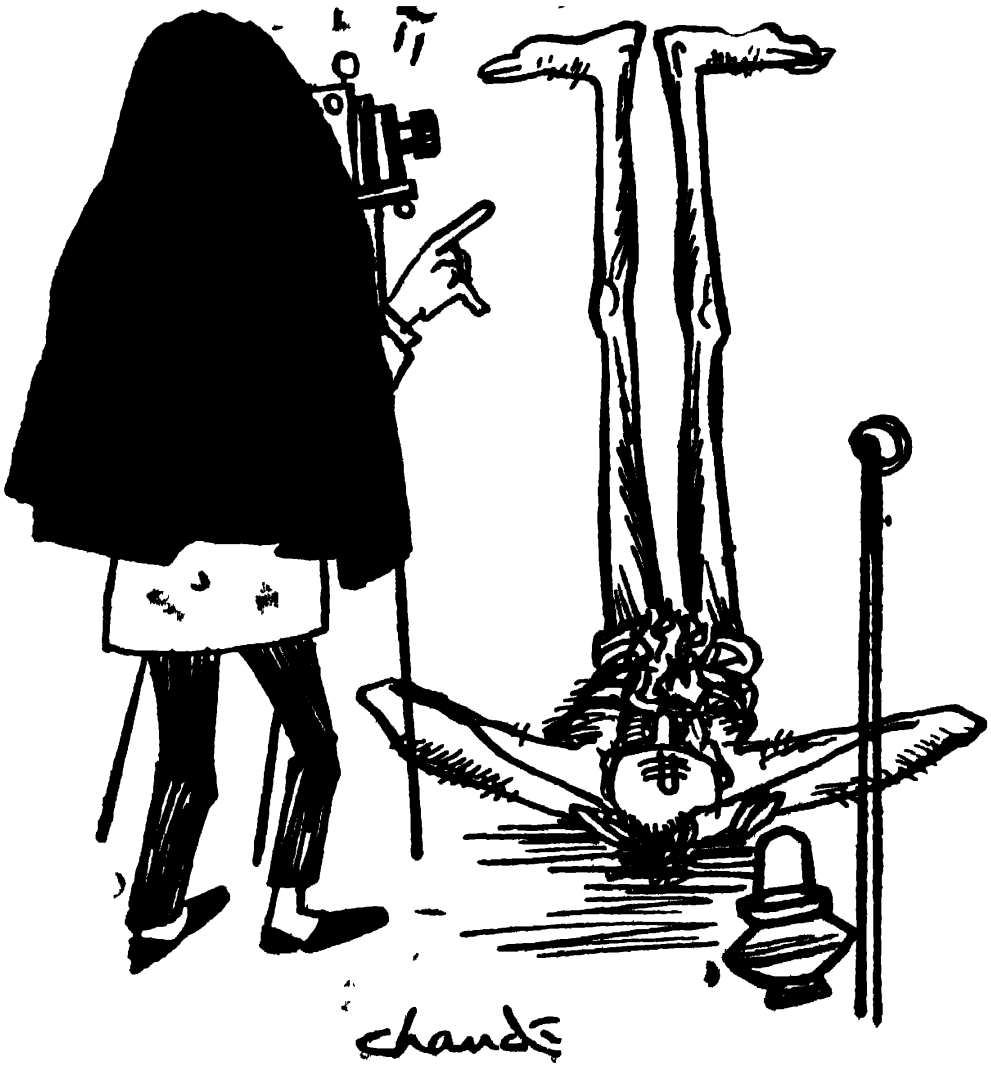

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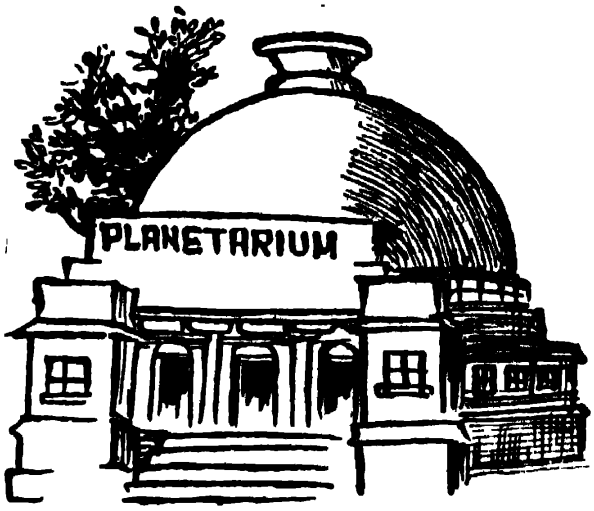
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YOUR PLANETARY POSITION CAN BE IMPROVED
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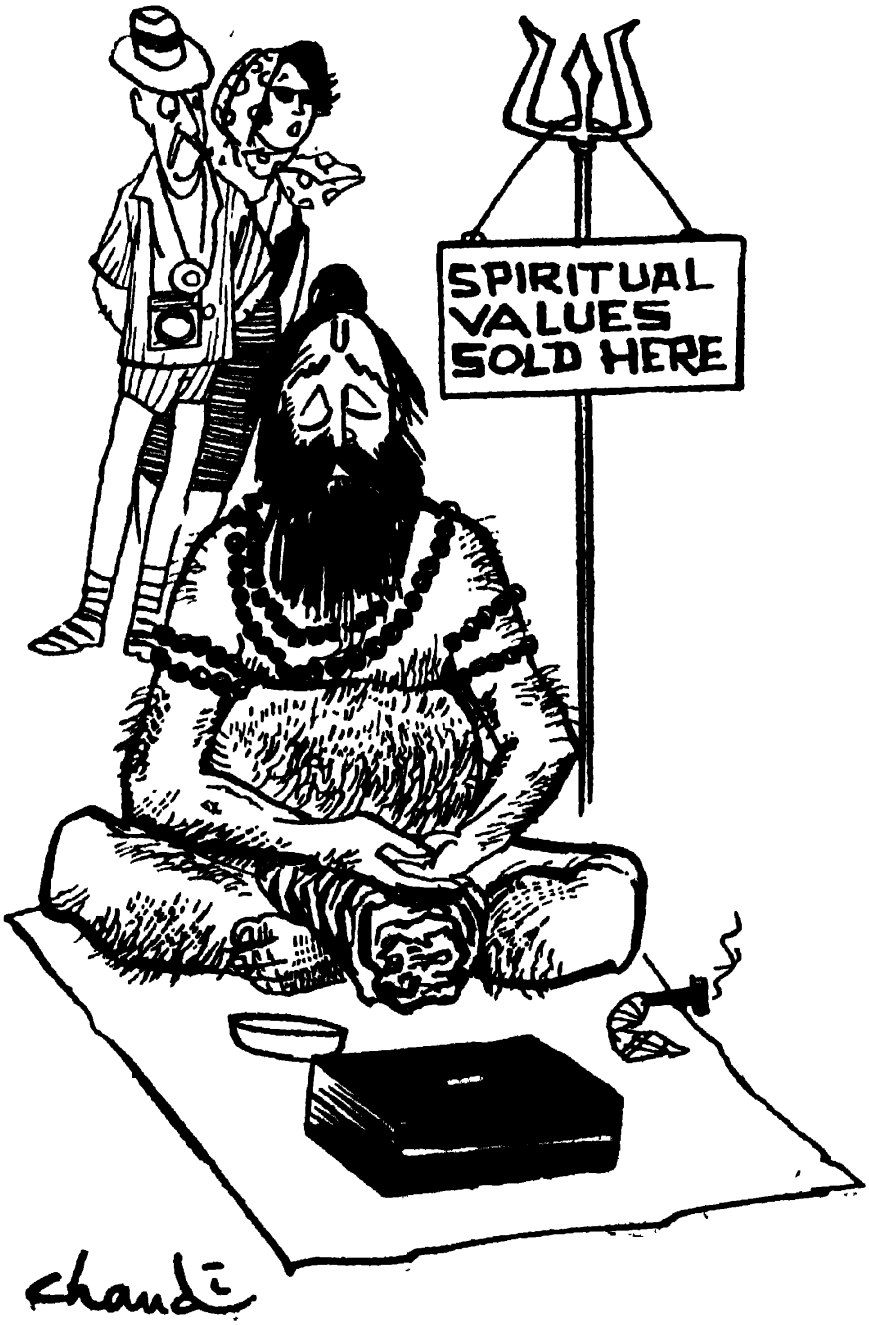
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YOUR FUTURE
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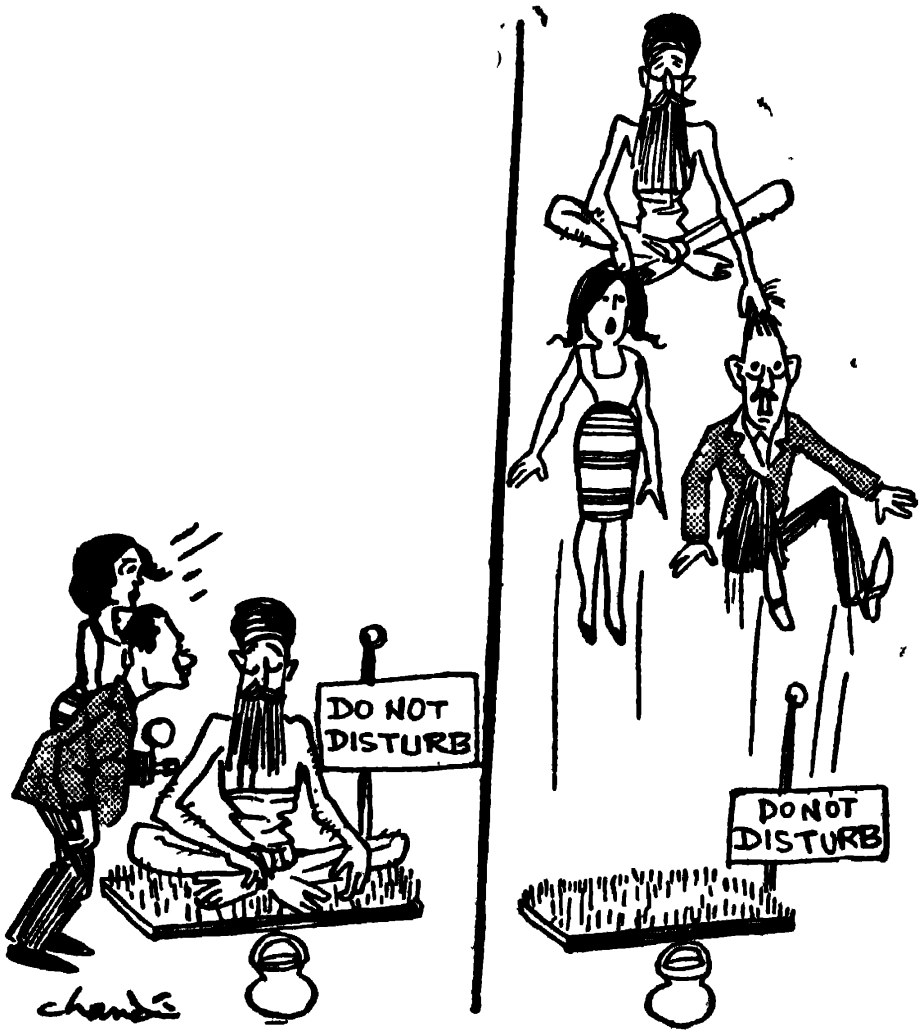
DO NOT DISTURB
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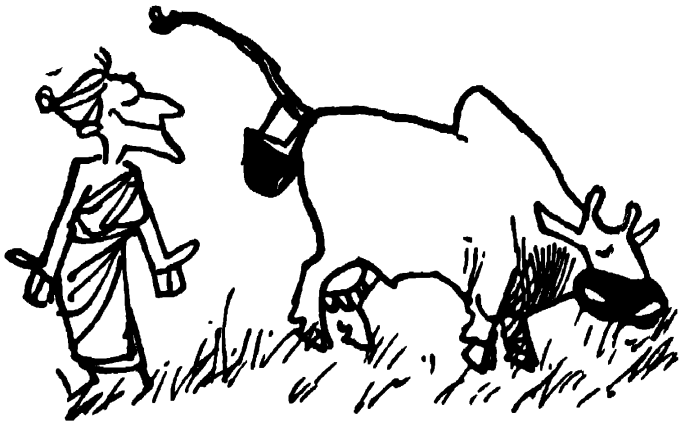
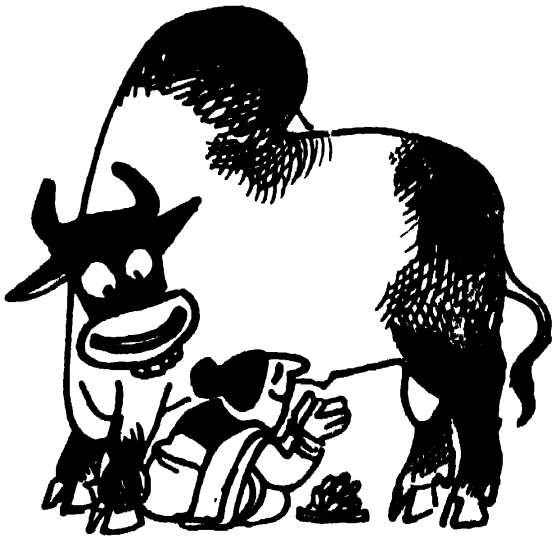
LOVE FOR THE COW





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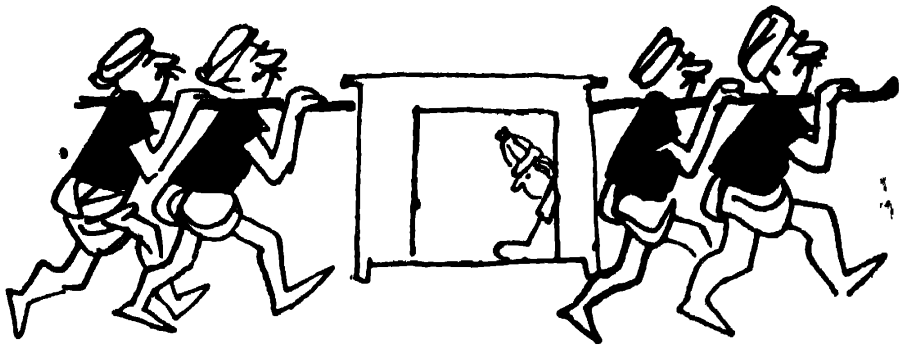
MARRIAGE

The Punjabi system



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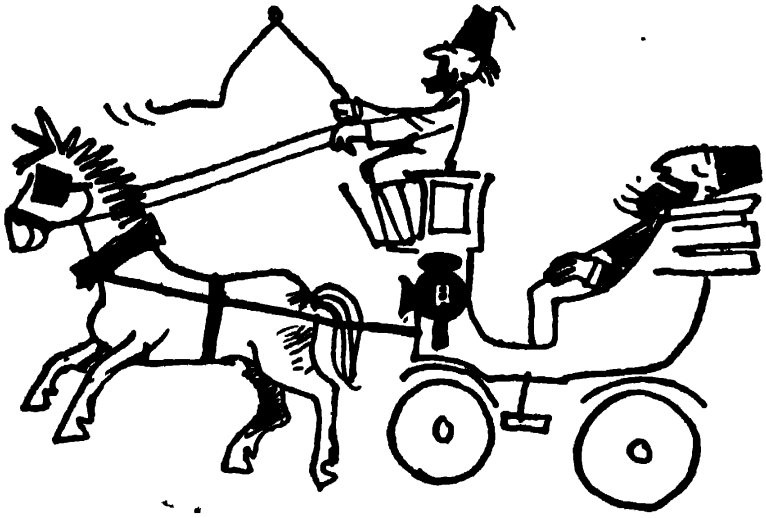

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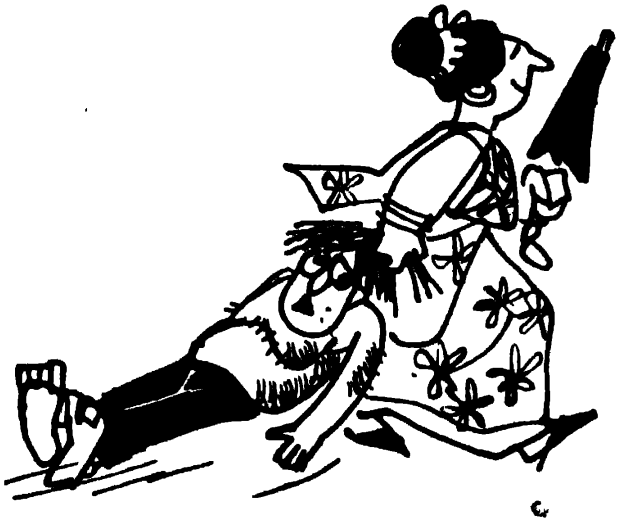
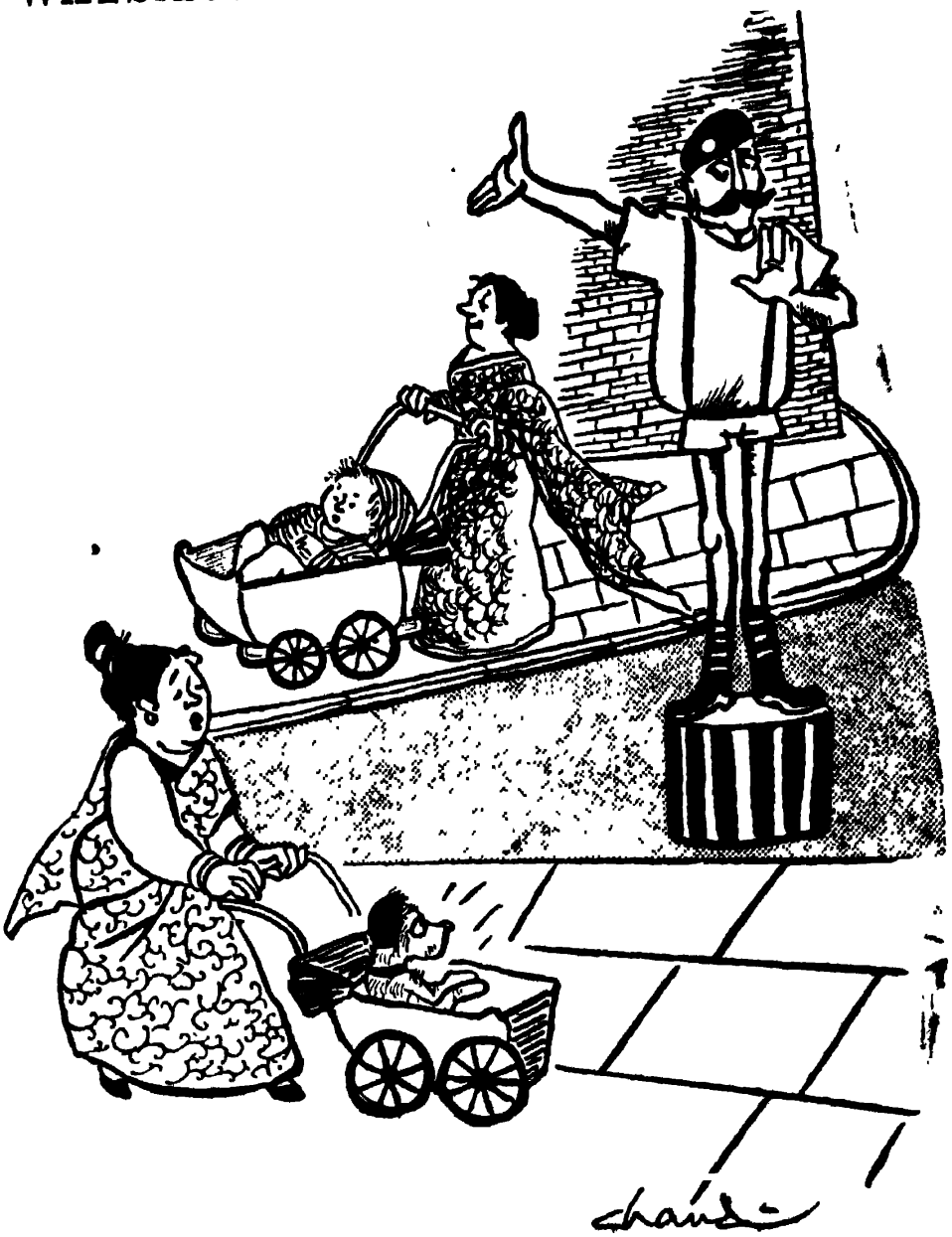


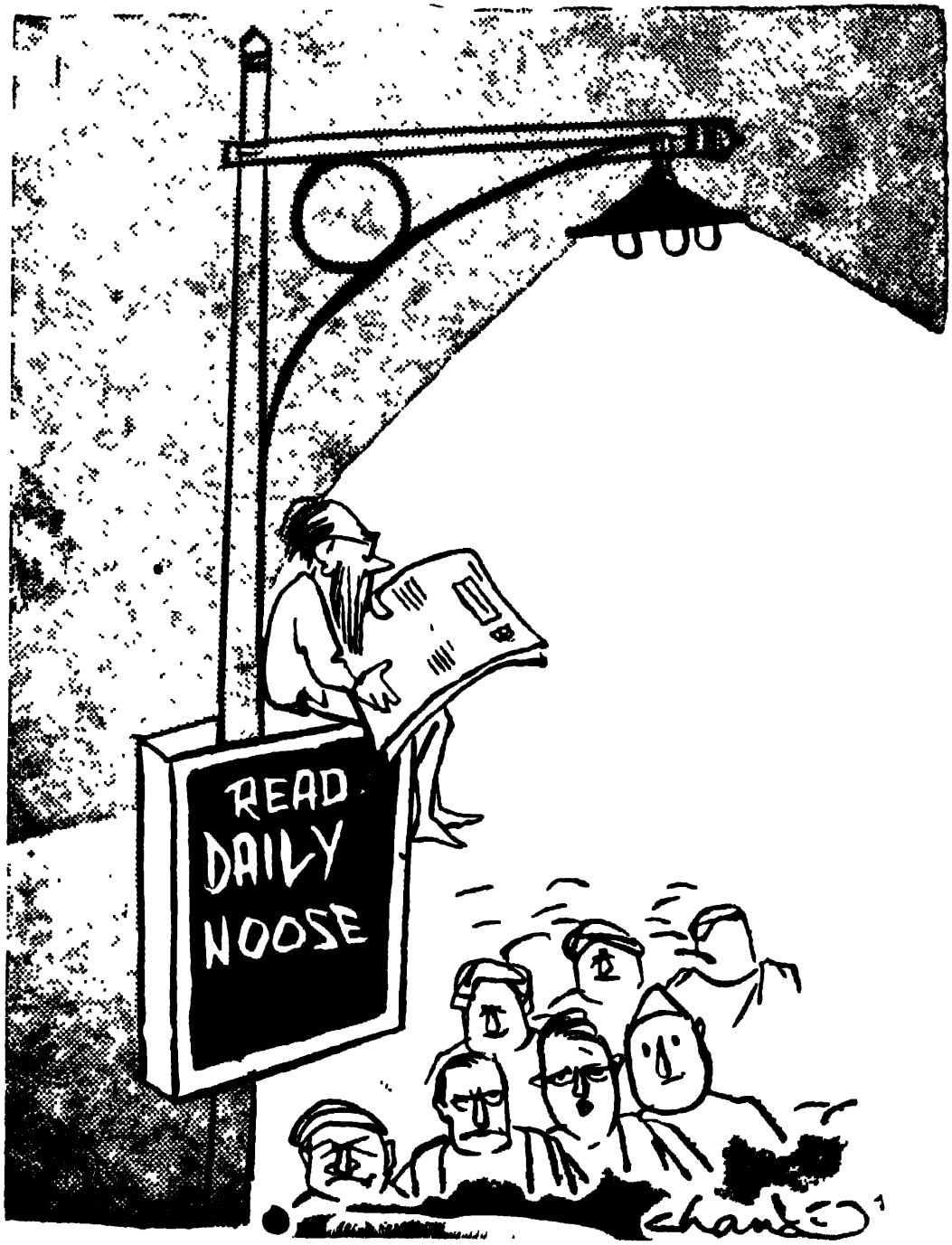
The result

WAYSIDE SCENES

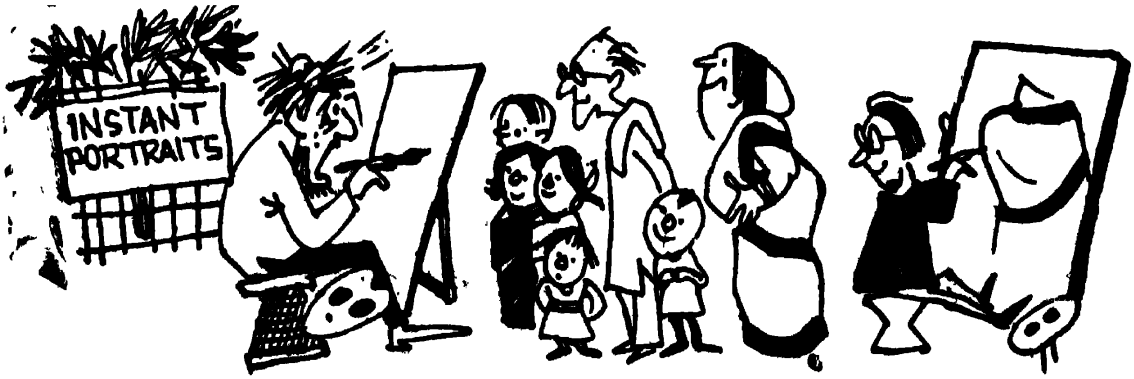


CAUTION
MEN
AT
WORK

chandu

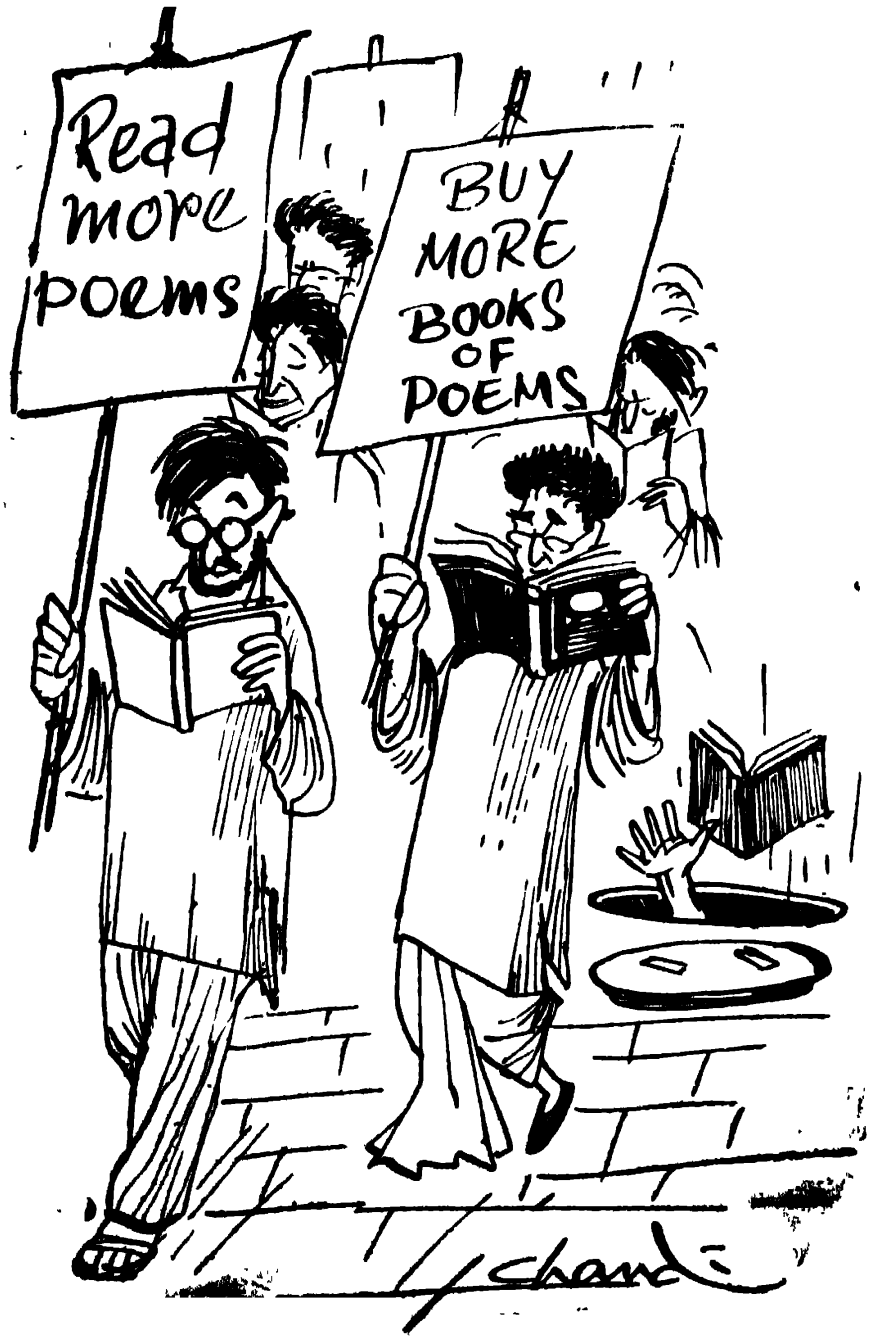

READ
DAILY
NOOSE

Poetry fair



Art fair

With Chandi

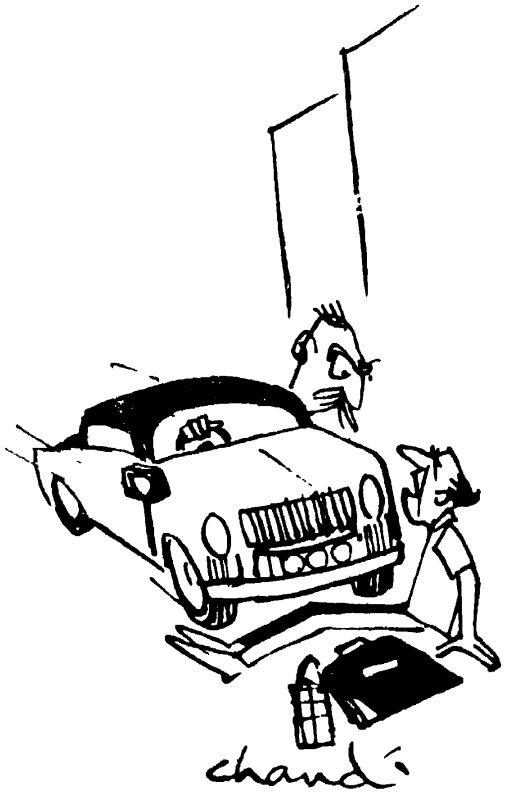

Read more poems
BUY MORE BOOKS OF POEMS
Chandi

FOR
WHITER
WASH
USE
SUNBRIGH
SOAP
chandi

Patrons of water-ball

JUST BACK FROM U.K.
LEARNT ENGLISH FROM BRITISH LADIES
SPEAKS HINDI BENGALI TAMIL
chandi

SILENT DEMONSTRATION
UNITED TEACHERS
WE DEMAND PAY RISE
PANTOMIME LESSONS
Chandi



Bathing ghat

ALL MY
OWN WORK

OPEN
AIR
SHOW
HELP
chandi

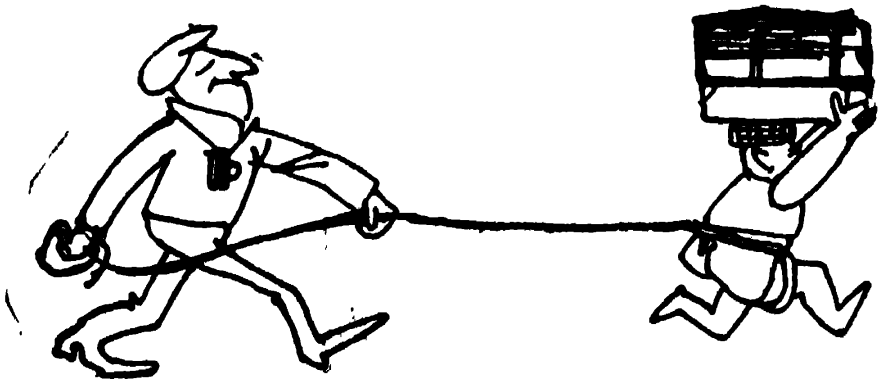
BEGGERS
MADE TO ORDER

WE
ACCEPT
TRAVELLERS
CHEQUE
chandi

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF

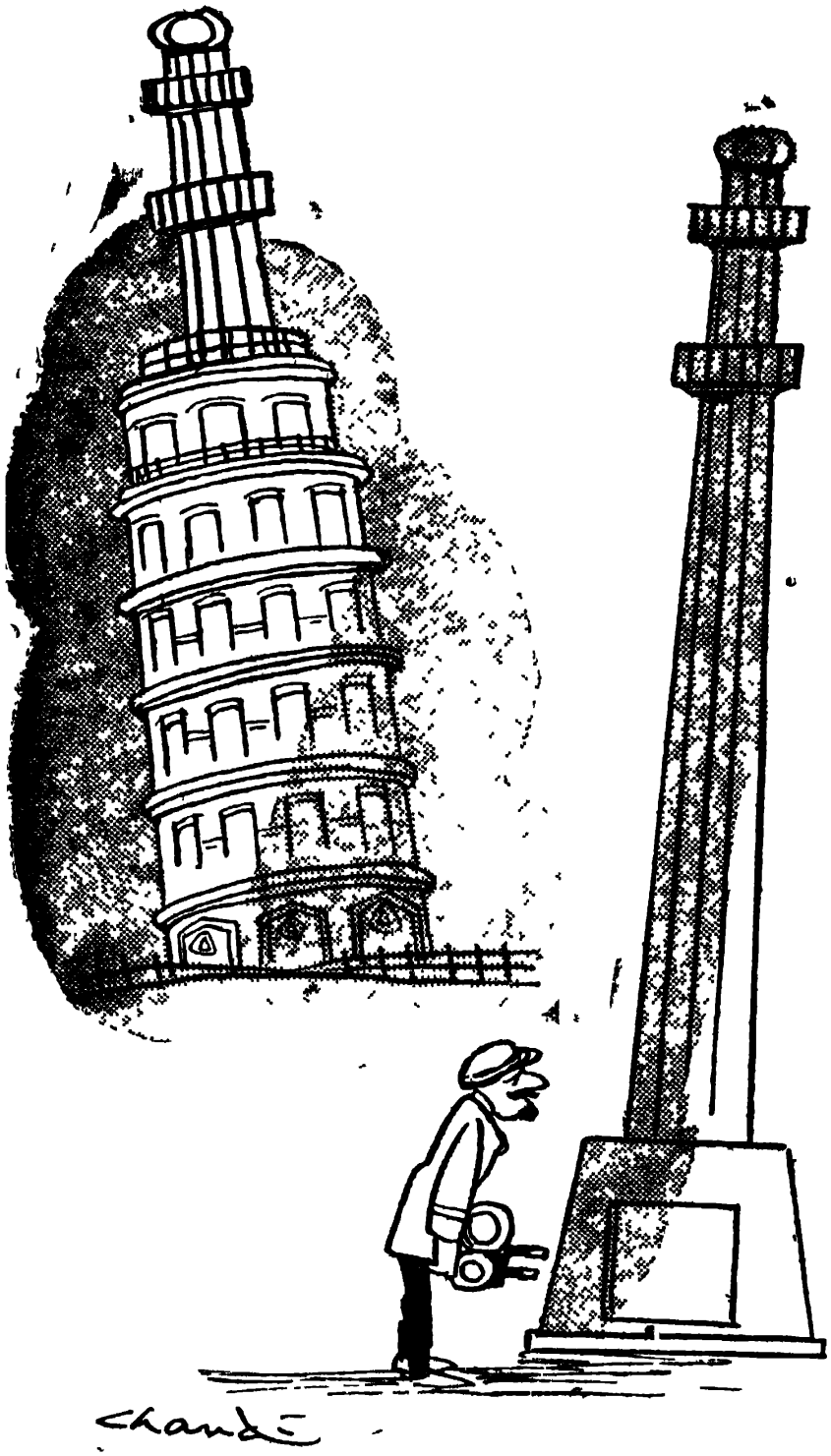
Light fingered gentry

Stealing by the heart.



MAP

CALCUTTA MONUMENT



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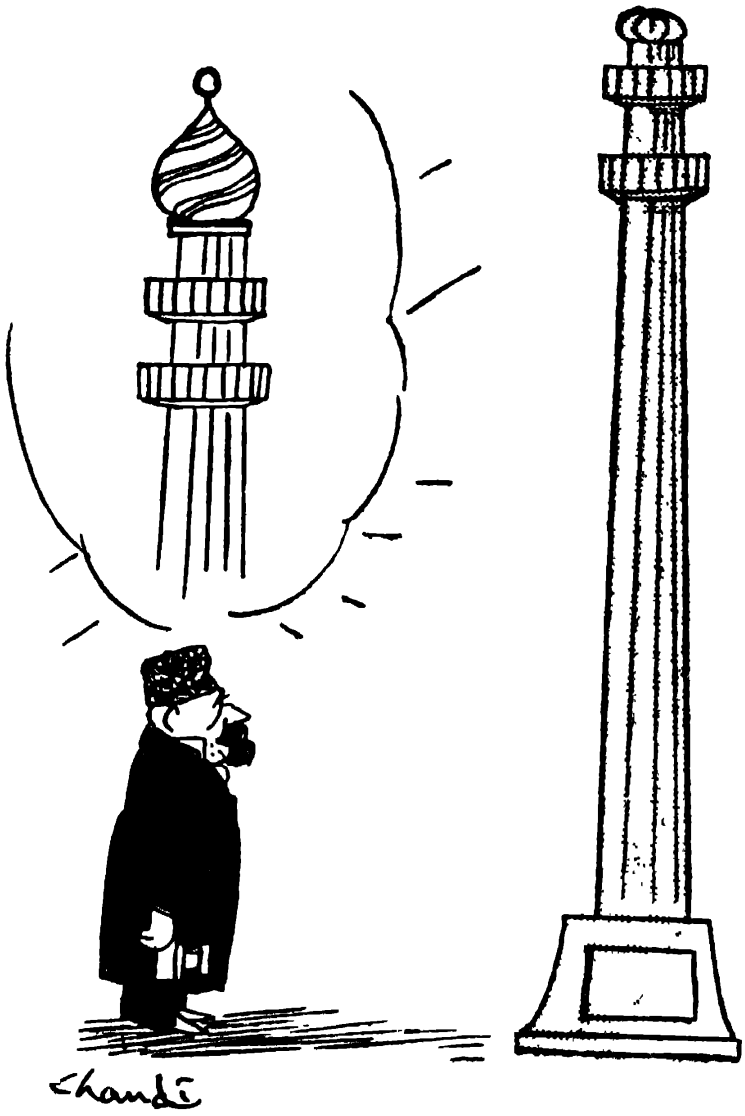

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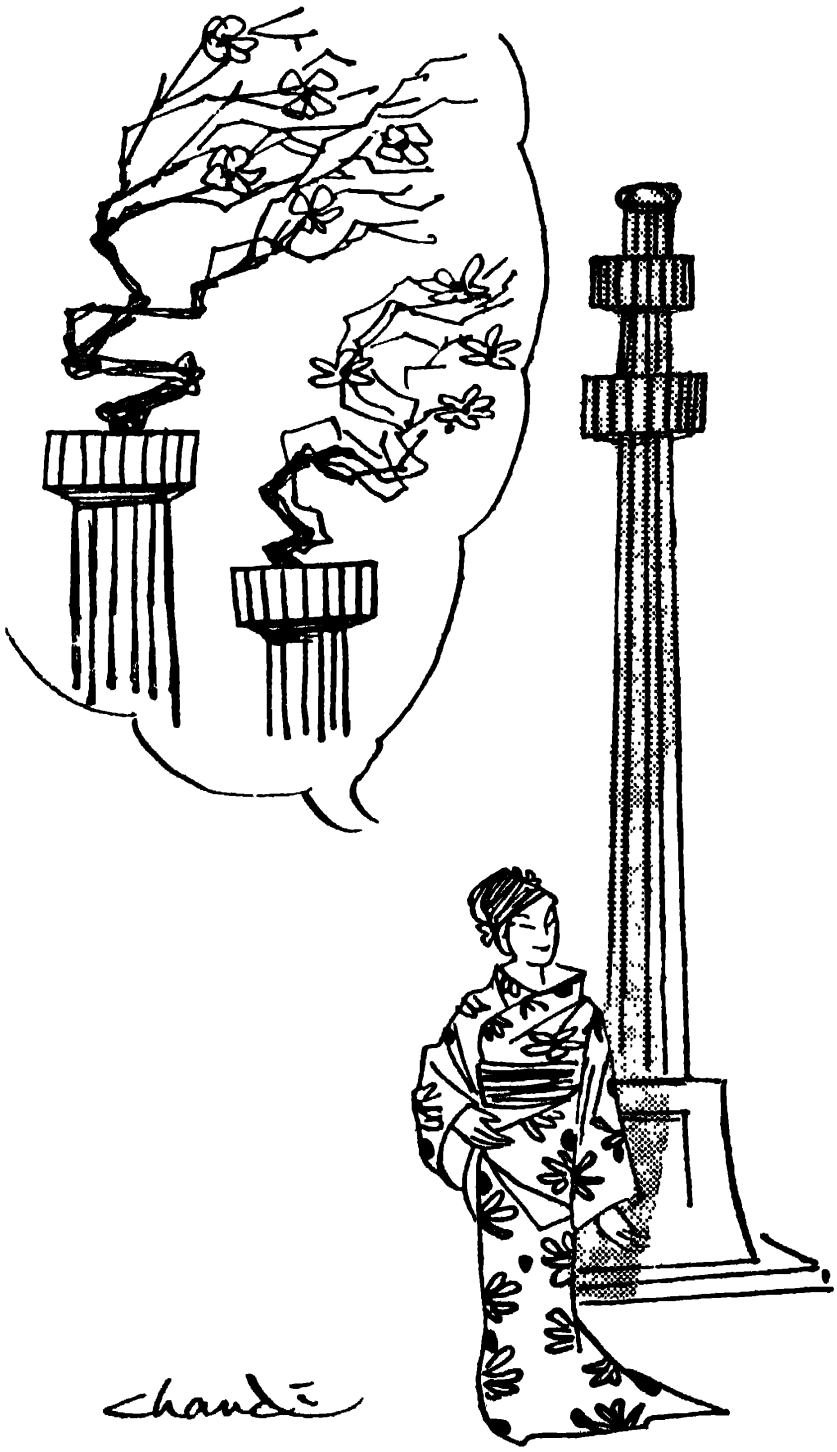

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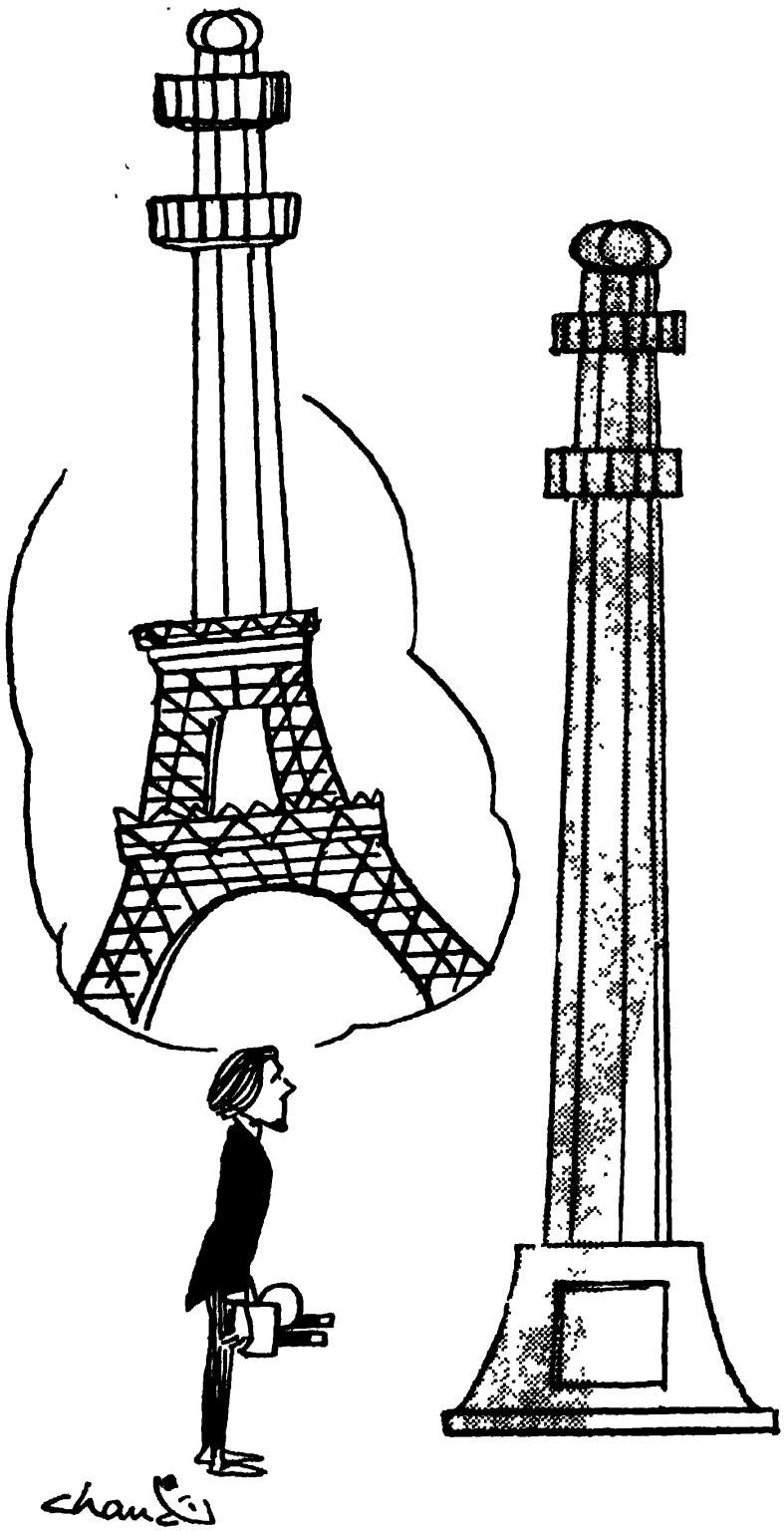
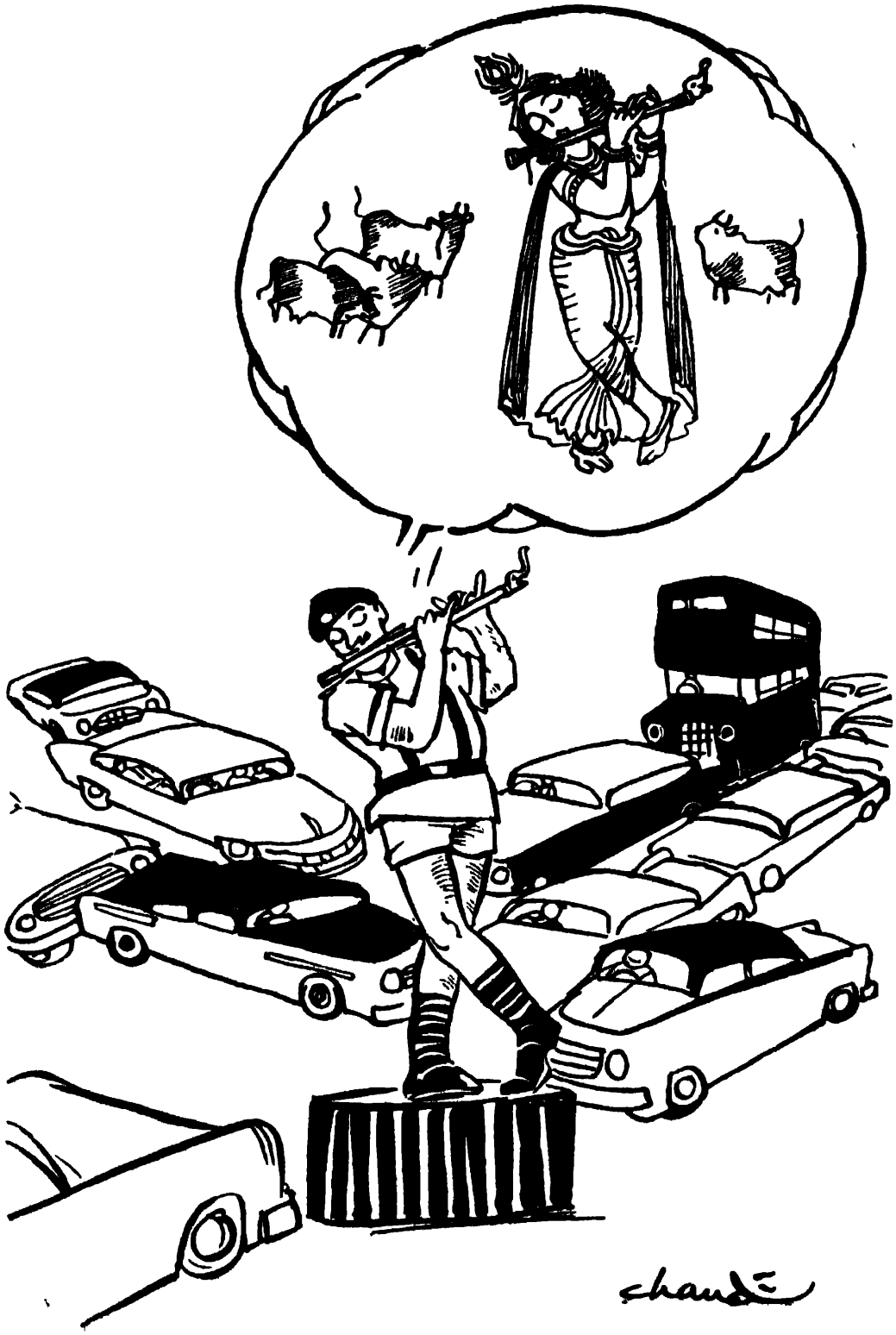
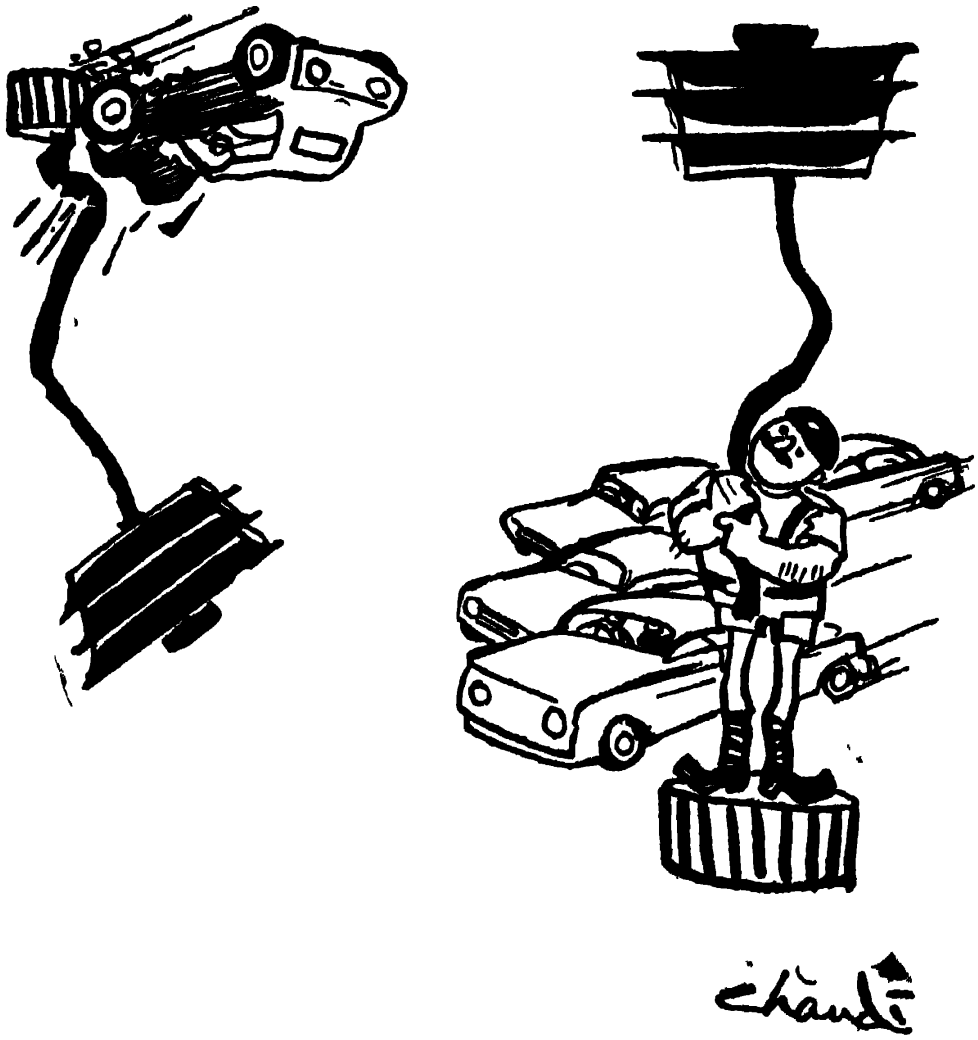
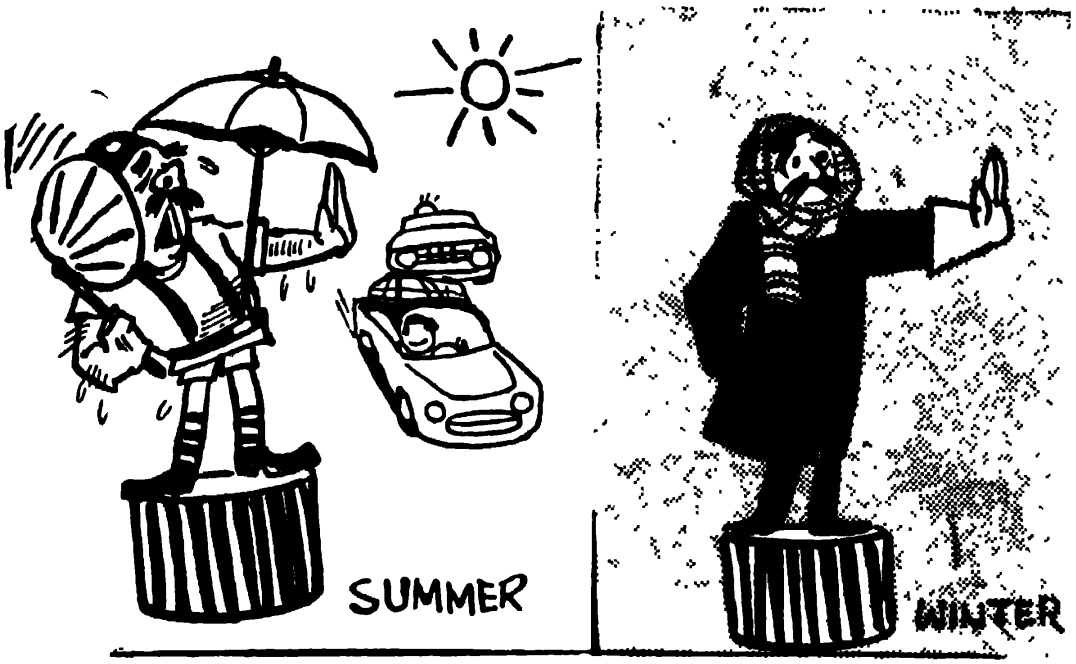


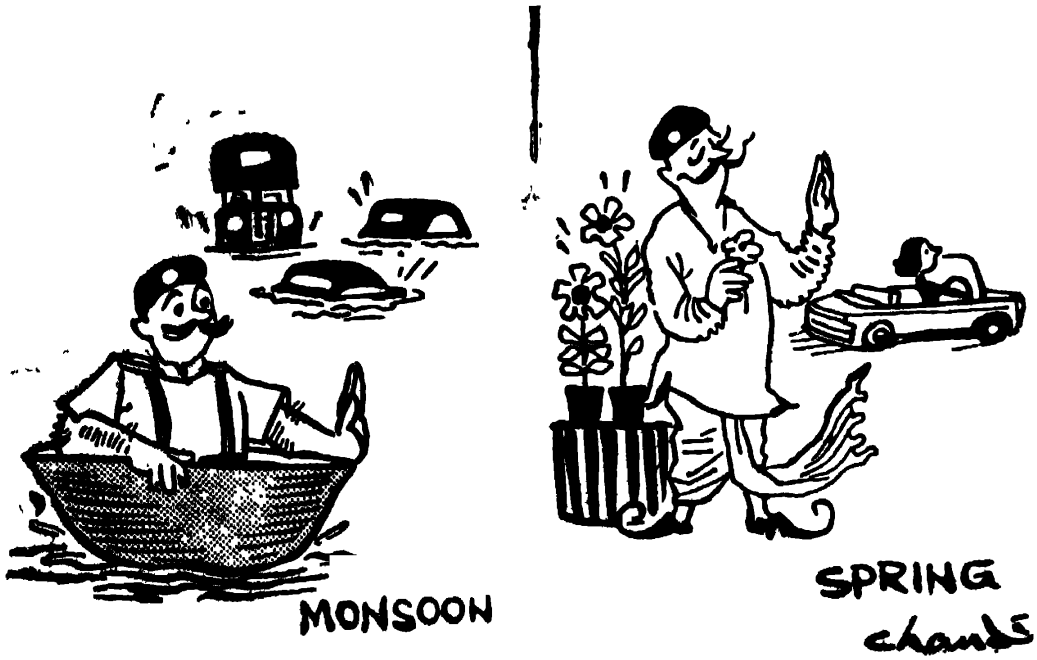
As seen by a Frenchman

POLICE



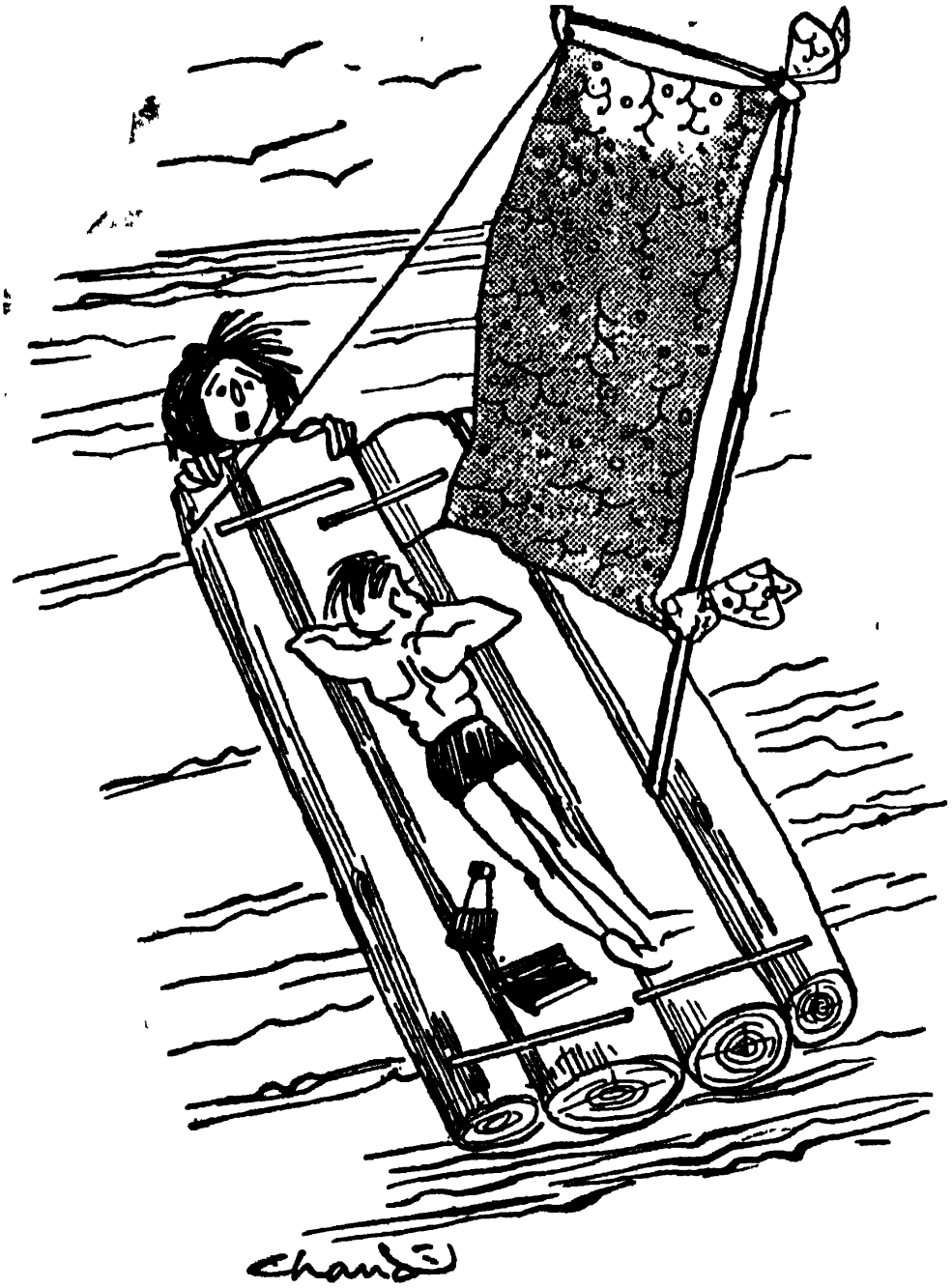

Chandi


SUMMER
WINTER

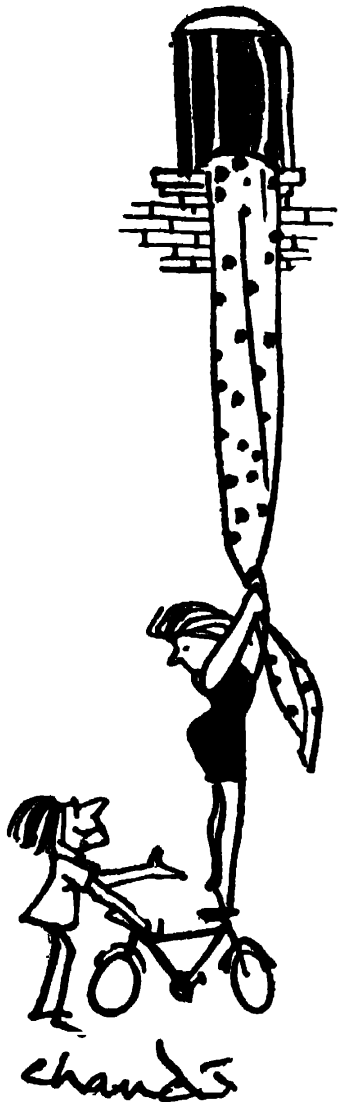

MONSOON
SPRING
chands

SAREES ARE POPULAR BECAUSE

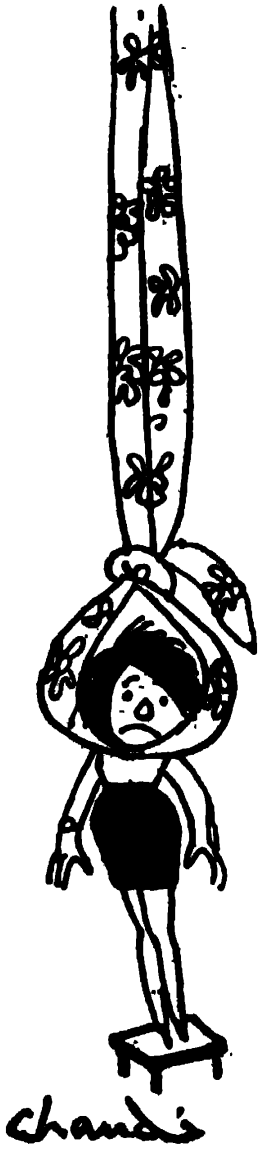
You may freely move with other man's wife



it's a friend in need



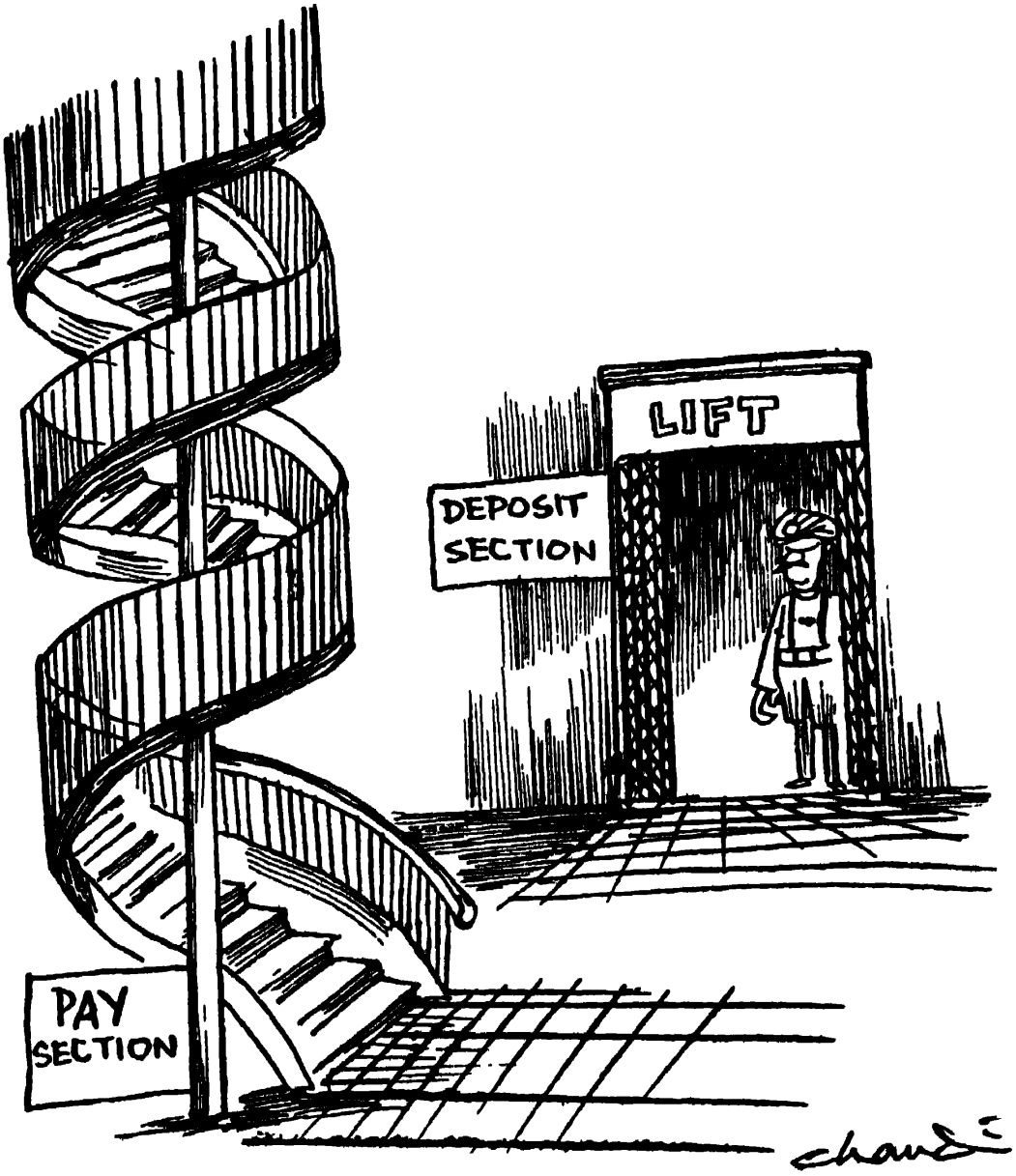
You may elope

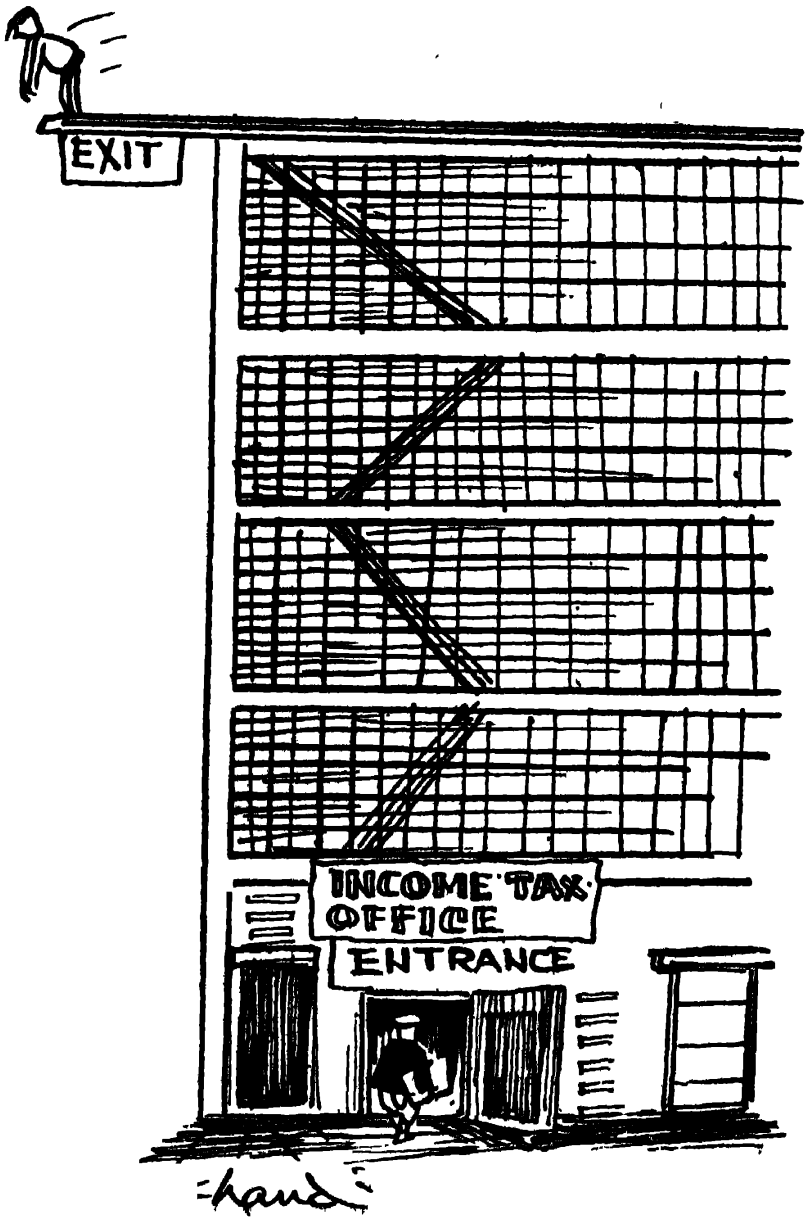


You may commit suicide

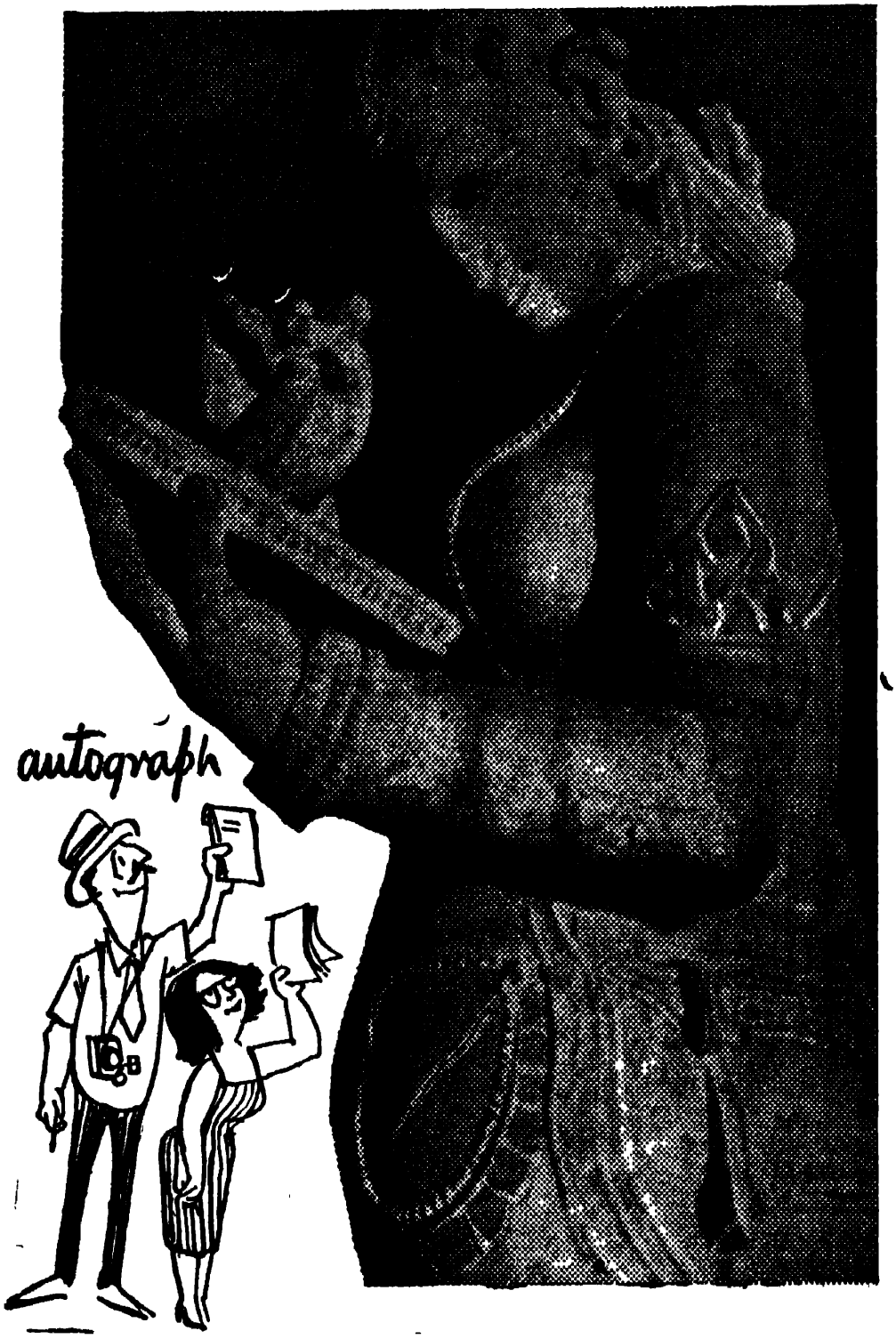
chandi

AROUND THE OFFICE


LIFT
DEPOSIT SECTION
PAY SECTION
chandi


EXIT
INCOME TAX OFFICE
ENTRANCE

PRESS
OUR
MINISTER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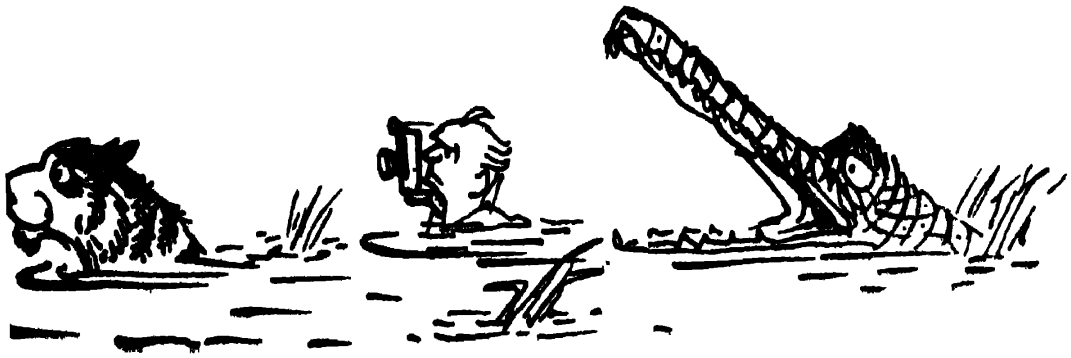
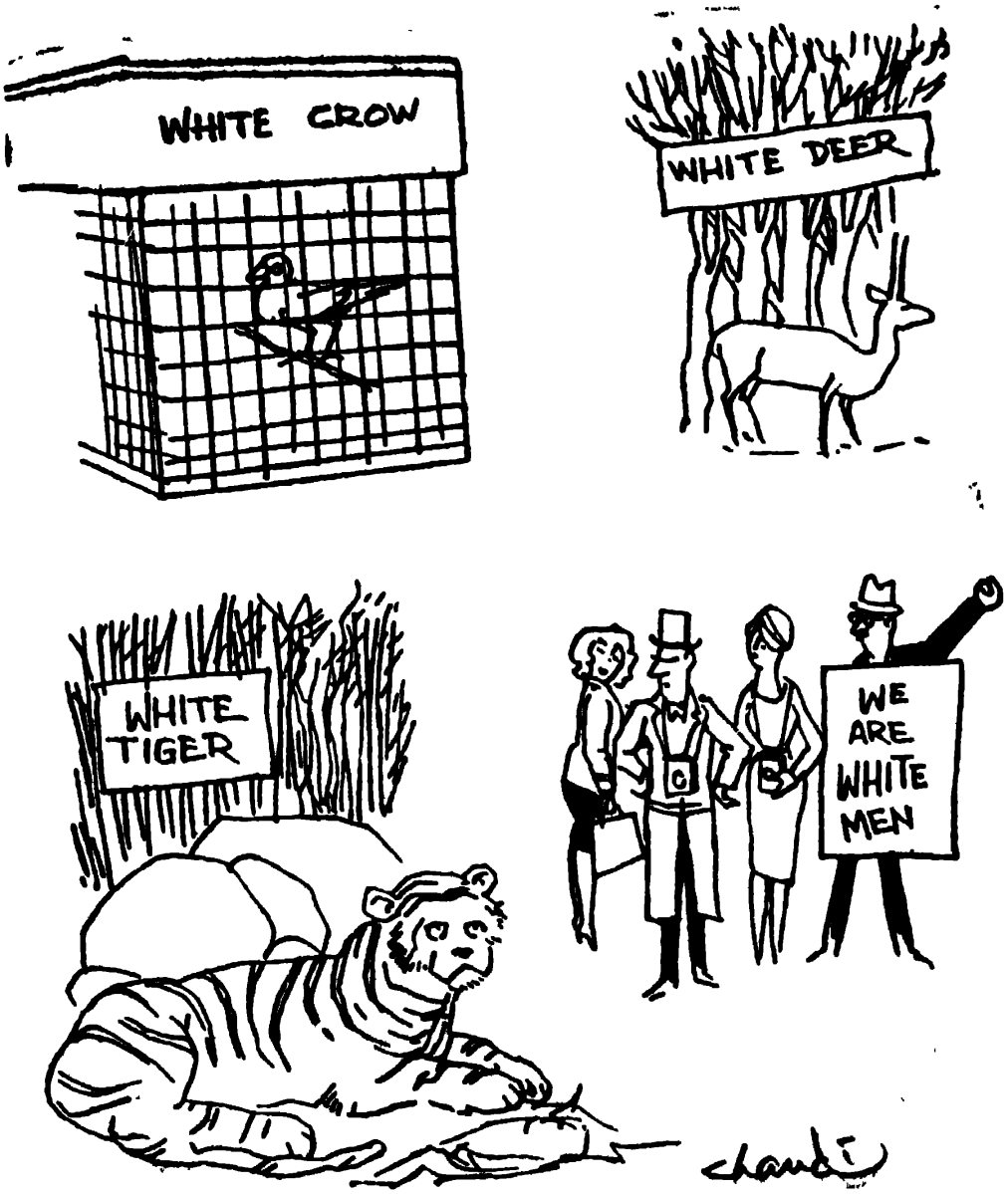
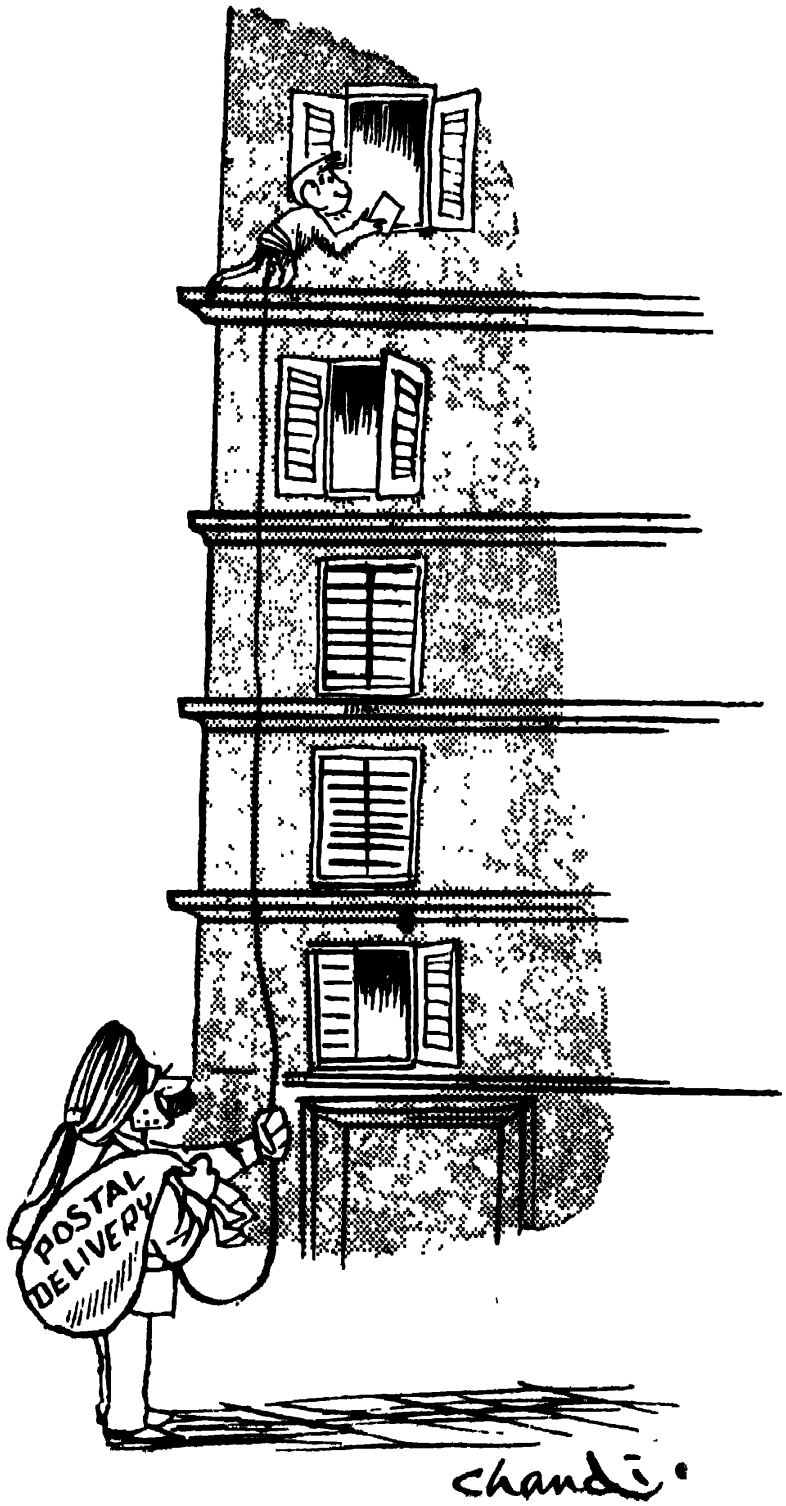
EXTERNAL
PUBLICITY
DIVISION.
GOVT. OF INDIA

WELD LIFE



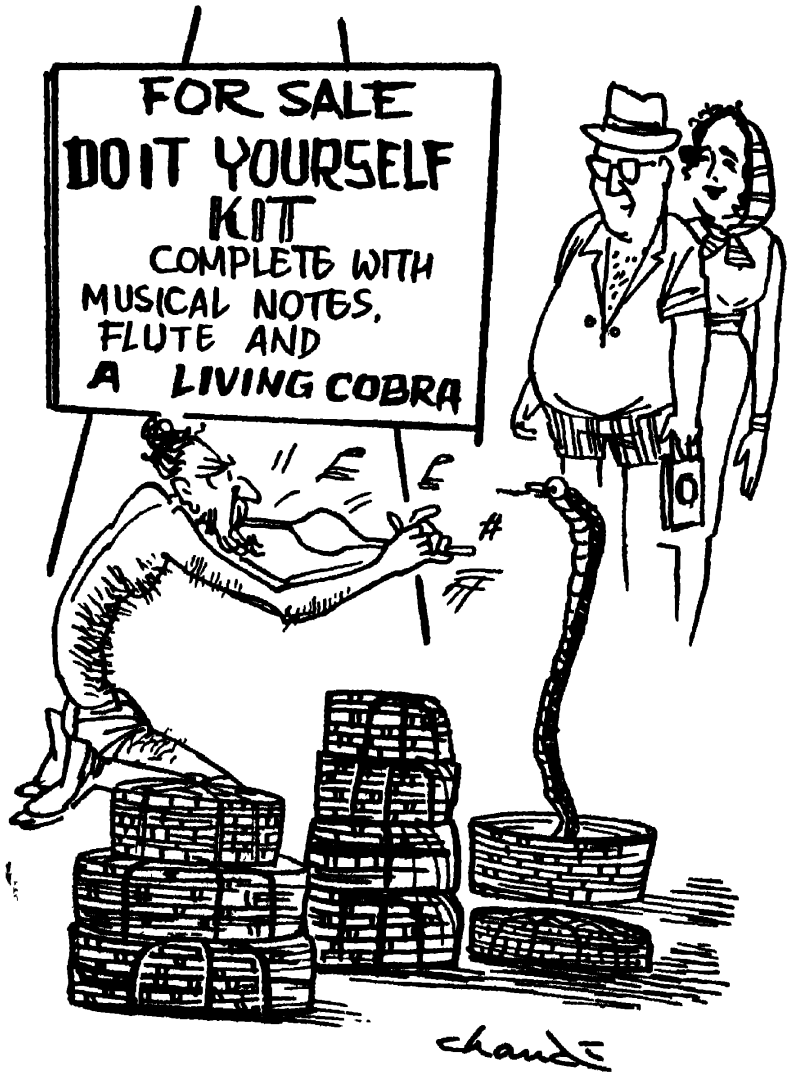

WHITE CROW
WHITE DEER
WHITE TIGER
WE ARE WHITE MEN
chandi


POSTAL DELIVERY
chandi

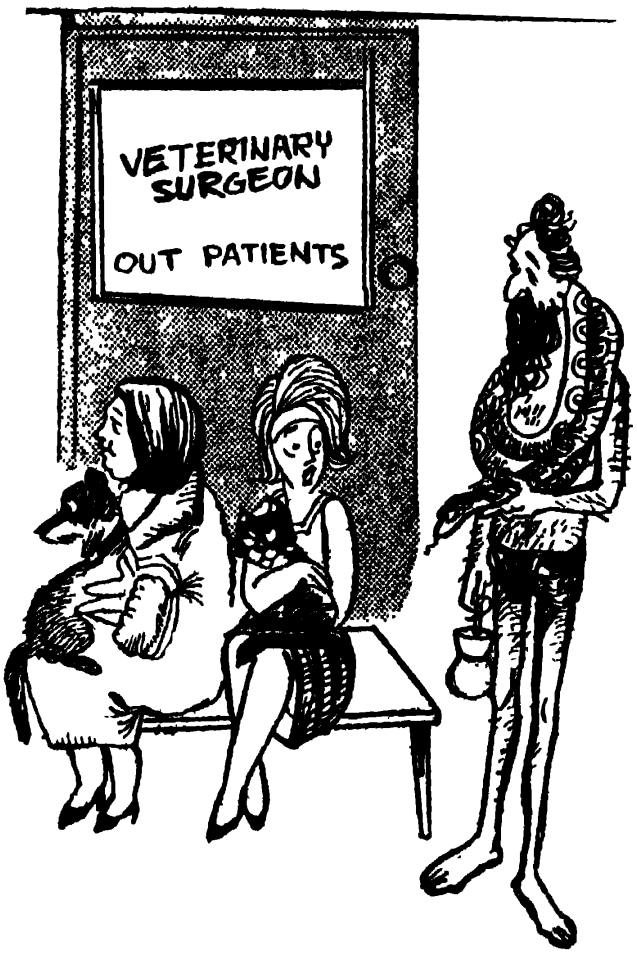
DANCING
SCHOOL

WE DEMAND HUMAN TREATMENT
chandi

chandi


FOR SALE
DO IT YOURSELF
KIT
COMPLETE WITH
MUSICAL NOTES,
FLUTE AND
A LIVING COBRA
chandi

PURSE
chandi


VETERINARY
SURGEON
OUT PATIENTS

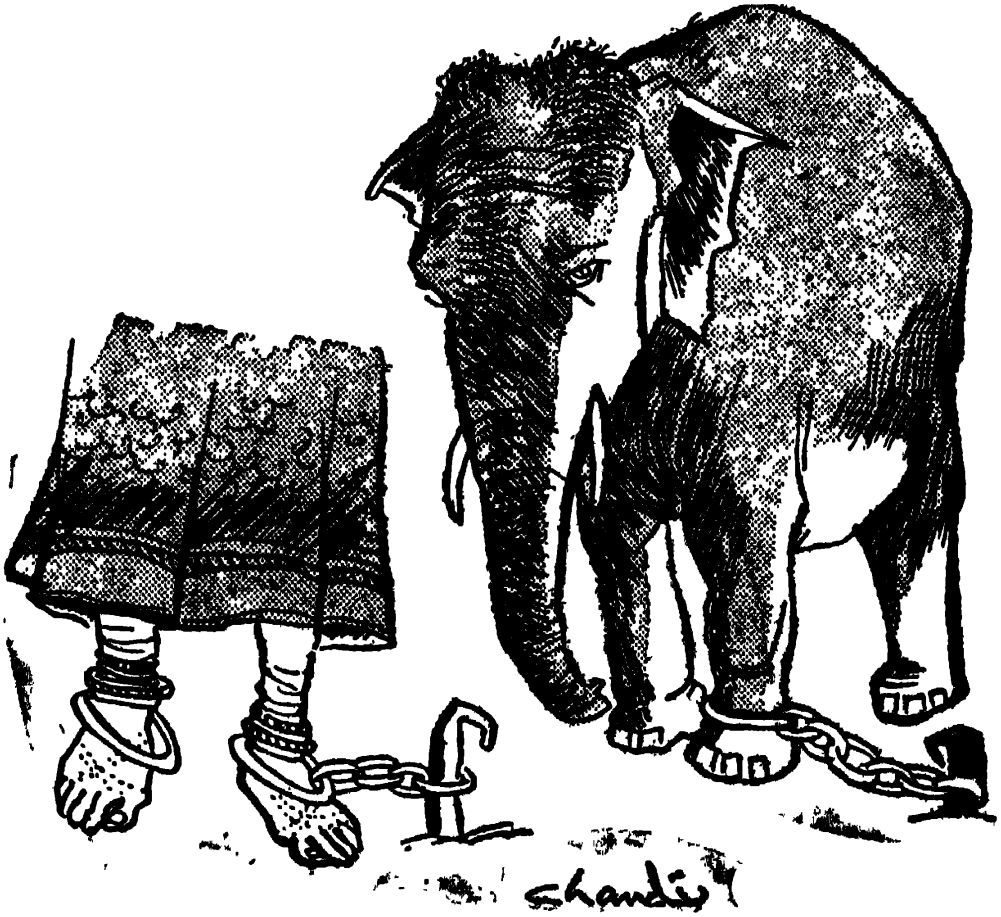
SPORTS

STADIUM
(SPORTS)
Chandi

chandi

Chandi

FASHION


shandi

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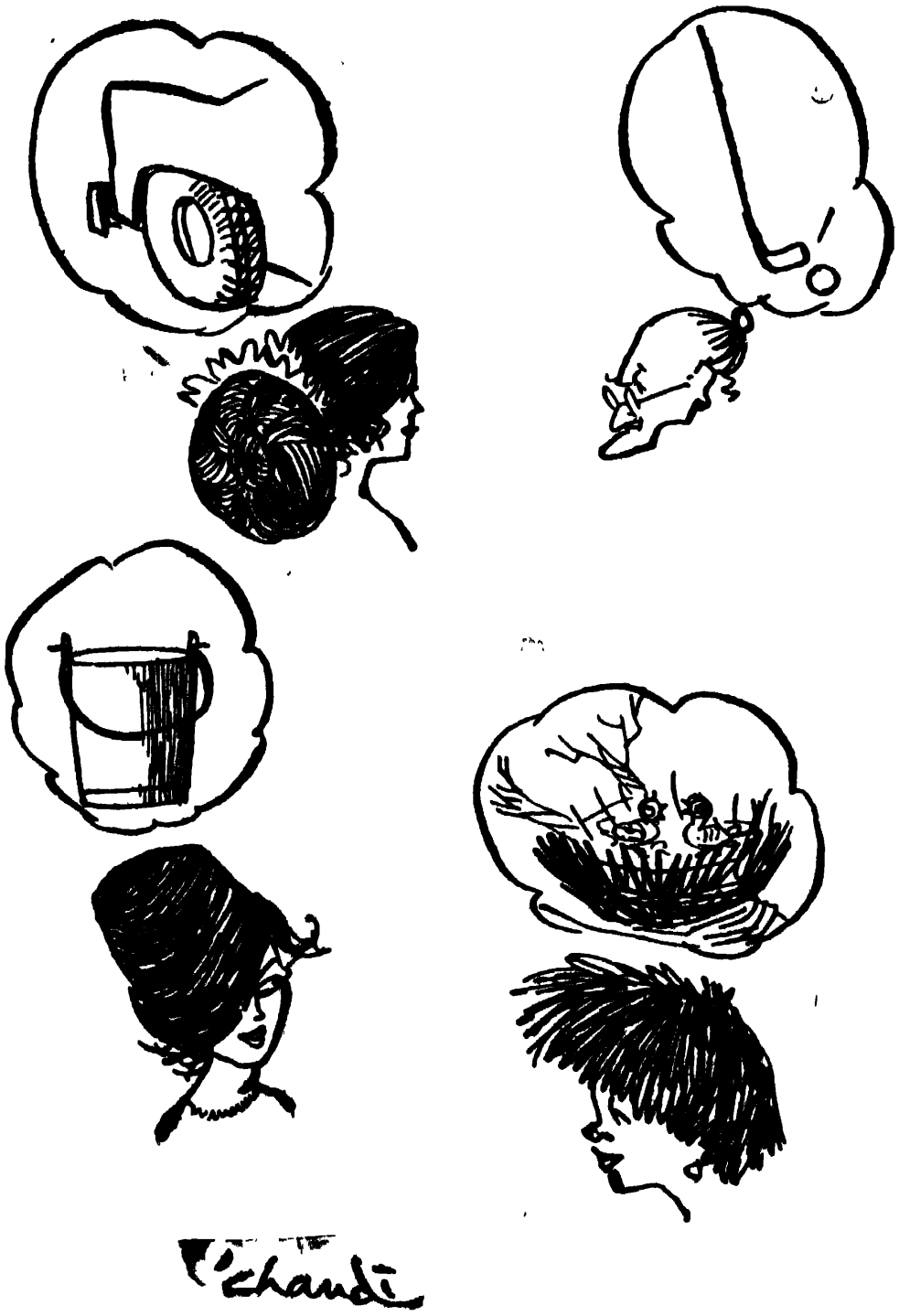
CAUTION
OVERHEAD
WORK
chandi


Chandi

MUSICALS

RAIN RESEARCH CENTRE
DEPT. OF. AGRICULTURE.
chandi

MUDRAS
OF
BHARAT
NATYAM
(CLASSICAL)
(PRACTICAL)

DANCE

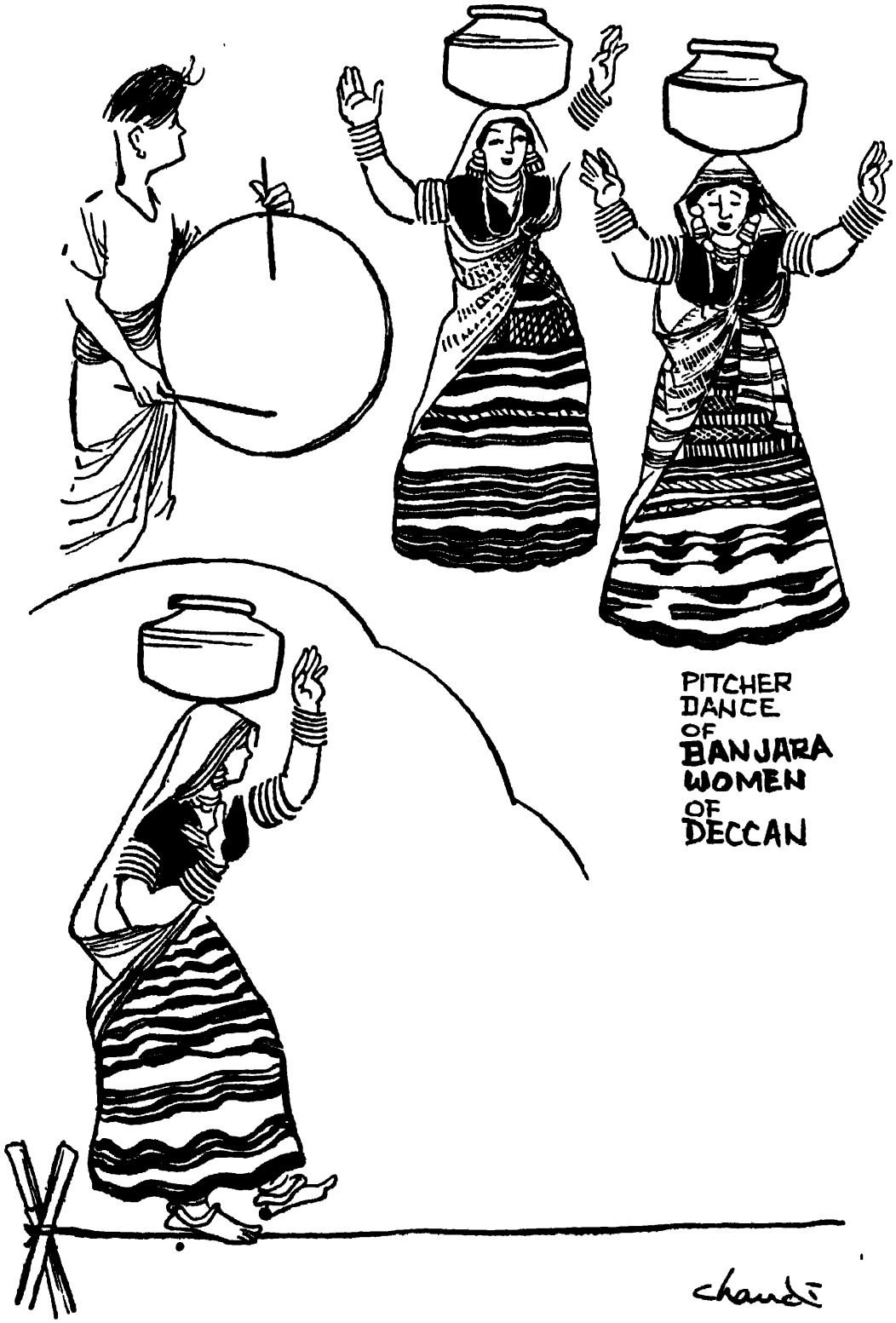
chandi

KATHAK
DANCE OF
LUCKNOW

Pop

Bhangra of Punjab

KATHAKALI
DANCE OF
KERALA


PITCHER
DANCE
OF
BANJARA
WOMEN
OF
DECCAN
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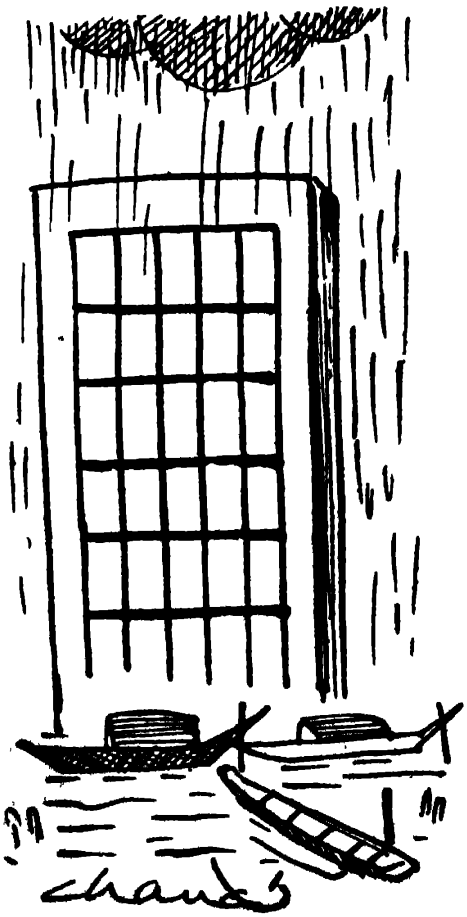
CALCUTTA IN MONSOON



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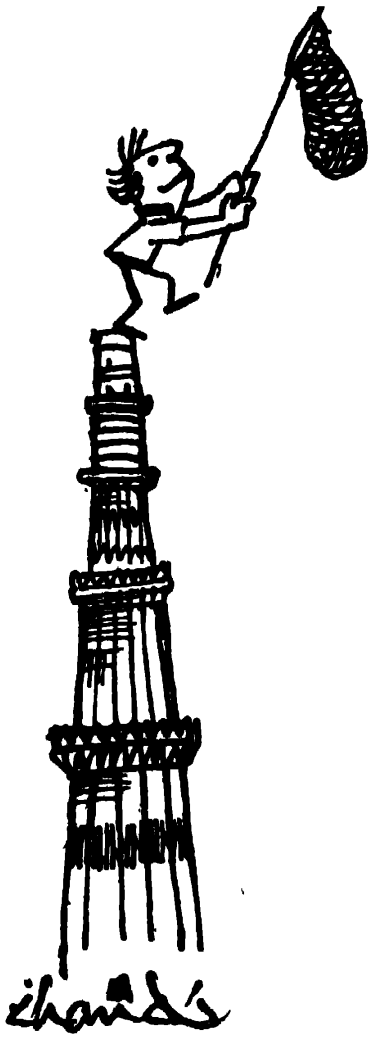

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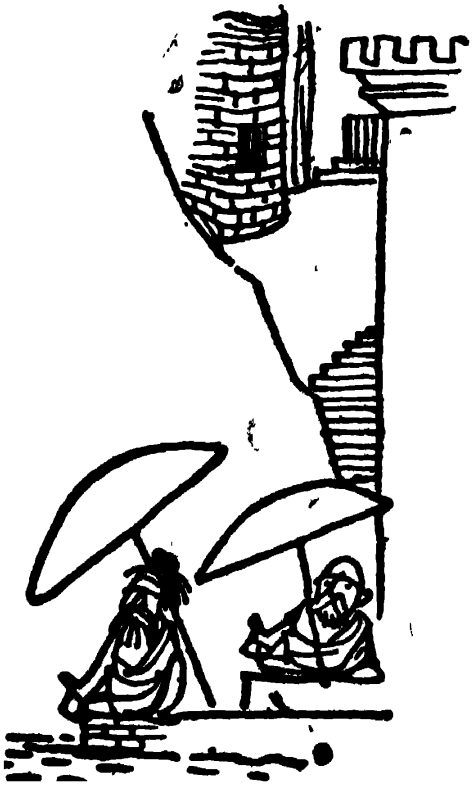

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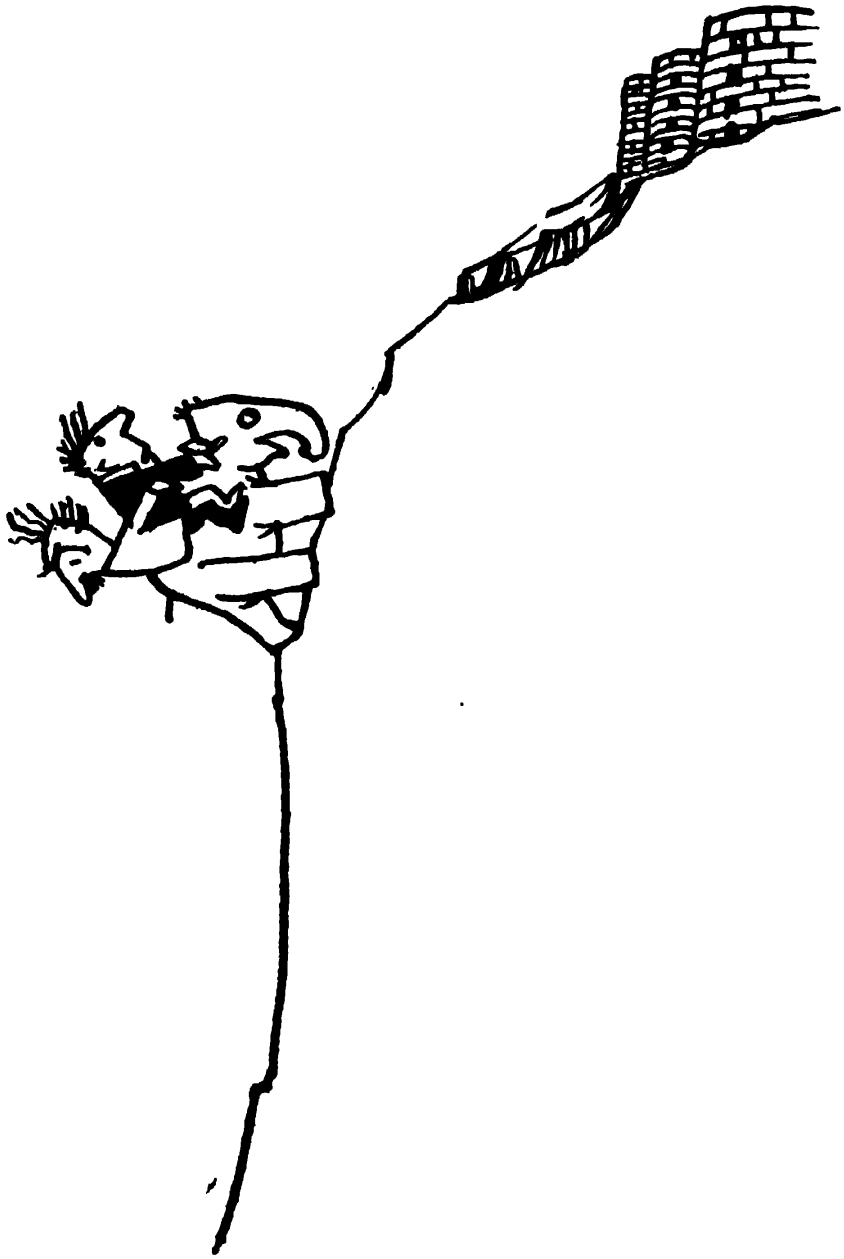

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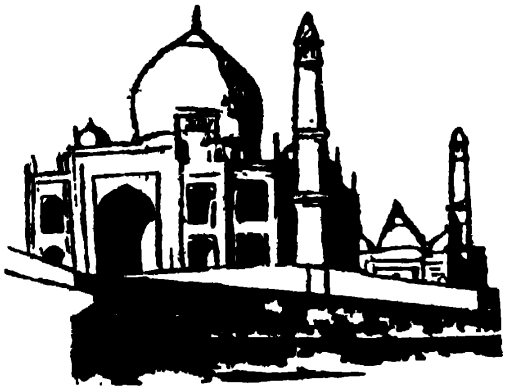

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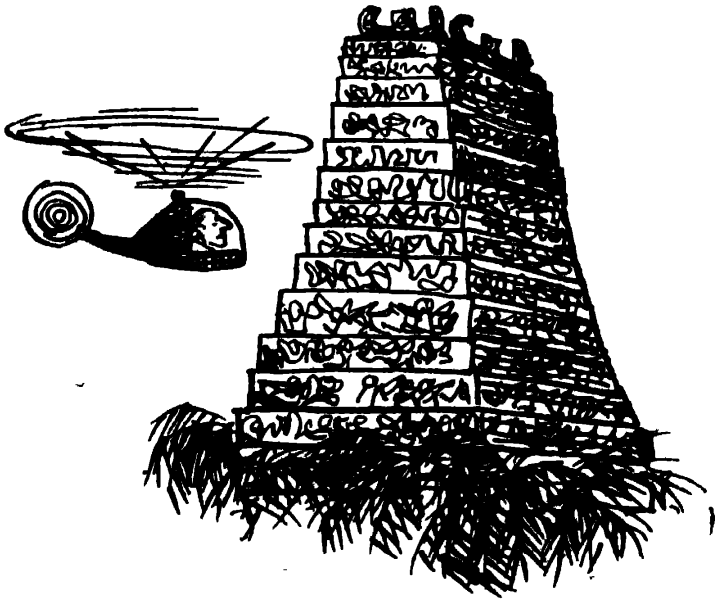

Madurai